



# U.S. sees wider trade with Kingdom

By Alan Kenney  
JEDDAH, Aug. 28 — The Commercial Center at the United States embassy reported that U.S. commercial efforts in promotional trade exhibitions held throughout 1980 exceeded their objectives and provided a push for sales of U.S. products.

As a result of the missions, a cooperative relationship has been firmly established in support of U.S.-Saudi Arabian trade, a commercial center report concluded.

The exhibitions include the Building Products Trade Mission, Audio, Visual Educational Aids Trade Mission, Overseas Automotive Club IOGA Trade Mission, visiting Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran, had immediate sales of \$2.2 million and projected sales of \$8 million; during the Middle East Construction Exhibi-

tion in Jeddah, U.S. firms had immediate sales of \$7 million and projected sales of \$20 million.

At the Medical "Health Care in the 80's" exhibition, U.S. firms had \$1.9 million in immediate sales and \$257 million in projected sales; the Middle East Electricity Exhibition provided \$1.8 million in immediate sales and \$32 million in projected sales; when the USDA Food Sales team came to Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran, it netted \$20,000 in immediate sales and \$40 million in projected sales; during the Water Resources Equipment Trade Mission in Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran, U.S. companies brought in \$60,000 in immediate sales and \$36.5 million in projected sales.

With Saudi Arabian imports expected to grow by 20 percent in 1982 to \$50 billion, the U.S. share of the market will be just under 20 percent or \$9 billion — confirming Saudi Arabia's position as the largest American market in the Middle East, according to U.S. Commercial Center reports. The report says that U.S. suppliers face increasingly stiff competition from European and Asian countries, and much tougher contract terms from Saudi Arabian tendering agencies.

However, the United States sees wider trade opportunities in the attention being shown to the productive sectors in the Kingdom, and the commercial center will focus on several methods in which to offer assistance to U.S. businesses. These include carrying out additional promotional events in 1982, providing assistance to new firms wishing to enter into joint ventures with Saudi Arabian companies, provide support and promotion for foreign buyers in U.S. trade shows and expanding commercial programs with the Kingdom.

5 Arab airlines plan cooperation  
JEDDAH, Aug. 28 (SPA) — The Arab Technical Assembly, a committee made up of Saudia, Kuwait Airlines, Gulf Air, Alia and MEA, will hold its preliminary meeting here Saturday and Sunday.

During the meeting, chaired by Capt. Abdul Munim Muhammad Hatif of MEA, the assembly will discuss areas of technical cooperation among the five airlines. The coordination will include studying the purchase of planes, taking into consideration the general condition of each company. They also will discuss exchange of spare parts and allocation of maintenance works among them.

Saudia's delegation to the meeting is led by Capt. Jazza Ghanem, assistant director general for operations. Saudia leads two of the assembly's sub-committees, one concerned with aircraft affairs and another involved with ground services.

Delegates have agreed on Jeddah as the headquarters for the Arab technical assembly.

# China proposes holding joint panel meetings in December

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Aug. 28 — The sixth session of the Sino-Saudi Arabian Permanent Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation will probably be held in December in the Kingdom, according to the Central News Agency (CNA) Friday.

Chinese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Hsueh Yu-Chi met with Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail in Taif Wednesday. They reviewed economic and technical cooperation between the two countries during the meeting.

The ambassador informed Aba Al-Khail about Chinese Economy Minister Chang Kuang-Shih's proposal to hold this year's session of the committee in December. Aba Al-Khail agreed to the Chinese request, but a definite date has yet to be determined.

The Sino-Saudi Arabian committee meets alternately in Taipei and Riyadh every year.

In a separate development, the Ret-Ser Engineering Agency of Taiwan has signed an agreement with a leading Saudi Arabian contractor to cooperate in building a 12-km. descent highway in the Southern Region. The agreement was signed by Arthur Chen director of Ret-Ser's Saudi Arabia office, and Bakr Bin Ladin, president of the Bin Ladin organization.

The Abba descent road project is one of several projects designed to connect the Abba plateau with the Red sea coast with

# Shaer conveys Saudi Arabia's view on summit

BEIRUT, Aug. 28 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian ambassador to Lebanon, Ali Al-Shaer, conveyed the Kingdom's reply regarding the holding of the proposed Arab summit to Lebanese Premier Shafiq Wazzan Friday.

After a meeting with Wazzan, Shaer said that the Kingdom agreed on the collective view of all Arab countries regarding the upcoming summit. The summit conference has been called for by Lebanon after the recent Israeli air attacks.

Shaer and Wazzan also reviewed new developments in the Lebanese scene and the intense efforts being made to pave the way for the national reconciliation. The Saudi Arabian ambassador said that he put forward, to the Lebanese premier, all the results achieved in regard to securing an appropriate media atmosphere for the Arab Follow-Up Committee's meeting.

Thursday, Shaer had met with former Lebanese premier, Takiyeddin Al-Solh, and oil minister, Yusuf Beidon, within the framework of his contact as a member of the follow-up committee.

Meanwhile, Beidon thanked Saudi Arabia for its aid to settle the Lebanese government's debts to the Tapline company which amounted to \$120 million.

# Muslims urged to sight Dhul Q'ada moon

JEDDAH, Aug. 28 (SPA) — The Supreme Council of the Judiciary has called on all Muslims residing in the Kingdom to sight the new moon for the month of Dhul Q'ada on Saturday evening. The council urged those sighting the crescent to report to the nearest Sharia court to record their affirmation.

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## Prayer Times

Saturday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Barradah	Tabuk
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Dhuhr	12:22	12:23	11:54	11:41	12:05	12:35
Asr	3:46	3:51	3:22	3:11	3:36	4:08
Maghreb	6:41	6:44	6:16	6:04	6:28	7:00
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# APRICORP's income soars to SR133 million

ALKHOBAR, Aug. 28 (SPA) — The Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation announced Friday a net profit of SR108.5 million for the 1980 fiscal year. APRICORP's gross income reached SR133.3 million through its success in joint Arab investment projects, according to its annual report released Friday.

The Corporation's financing, management and commitments for loans in favor of petroleum projects in several Arab countries amounted to \$370 million, including the increase of its participation in capitals of some petroleum projects last year, the report said.

APRICORP is a joint corporation formed by member states of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) — Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Iraq, Libya, Qatar, Kuwait, Syria and the United Arab Emirates.

Detailing the projects which APRICORP financed in 1980, the report mentioned the Bahrain refinery which was granted a \$300 million loan commitment to expand, improve and increase production.

The corporation has contributed 85 percent of a urea fertilizer project in Somalia, which amounted to \$60 million. The project incorporates two plants, a 90-ton daily production plant for ammonia and a 150-ton plant for urea. The project, which aims at meeting the local market demand for chemical fertilizers in Somalia, is expected to come into operation by 1983. It will provide a vital product for local consumption easing pressure on the country's balance of payments, the report said.

Other joint Arab projects financed by the corporation include a \$10 million loan to the Arab Wells Digging and Maintenance Company to help it implement its program in Arab countries. APRICORP also has undertaken an economic and technical feasibility study about a joint Arab engineering consultancy project. The project was decided to be established under the name of the Arab Engineering Consultancy Company and to be based in the United Arab Emirates. APRICORP contributed 11 percent of the new company's \$20 million capital.

Projects under consideration include a chemicals cleaning project in Iraq with a capital of \$240 million. Basic designing, determination of production methods and licensing of techniques for the project have been com-

pleted recently, paving the way for implementation.

APRICORP is currently making a detailed economic and technical feasibility study for a lubricant oil plant in Yanbu. The project will have a 200,000 annual capacity during its first phase with the intention of meeting the Arab market's demand for lube oil.

APRICORP has decided to establish a synthetic rubber and a carbon black projects in Libya, for which executive plans and final designs are underway.

Preliminary studies undergone jointly with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the Arab Industrial Development Organization about the two projects revealed the existence of a reasonable market for synthetic rubber and carbon black in the Arab world.

The corporation also has undertaken the necessary procedures to study and establish a joint Arab project for producing insecticides, in cooperation with the Arab Economic and Social Development Fund and the Arab Medicine Industries Company. Technical and economic feasibility studies are already underway for the implementation of project.

## Kayyal to visit Canada next month

TAIF, Aug. 28 (SPA) — Minister of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal will pay an official visit to Canada Sept. 7, in response to an invitation from the Canadian Minister of Communications Richard Fox.

Kayyal will hold talks with his host on boosting bilateral cooperation in the field of communications, mainly in the telephone sector. He will also discuss a wireless project for the management and control of wireless

frequencies in the Kingdom. The project is of major importance to Saudi Arabia, because it has only limited facility in the wireless frequencies at present.

The P.T.T. minister will be accompanied by Fuad Abu Mansour, assistant undersecretary for operation and maintenance; Rubaie Dahlan, director general of long-distance communications; and Abdul Mohsen Abu Shukhaidam, director of legal department.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH — More than SR200 million have been allocated for Jeddah Municipality projects, Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi has said recently after a meeting of the Higher Coordination Committee, which he chaired. The amount includes SR40 million for Jeddah's fish market and new projects for the Corniche, the northern creek and other areas, according to local reports.

JEDDAH — An anonymous person has offered to cover all the expenses of a surgery on a female patient in need of a kidney transplant at King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh. *Al-Medina* which published an appeal a few days ago, for helping the patient announced recently that the benefactor also proposed to pay for the air trip and all the expenses involved for the patient and persons accompanying her. He would also spend on

any person willing to donate a kidney, the paper said without disclosing the patient's name.

HASA (SPA) — Prince Muhammad ibo Fahd Al-Jilwi, governor of Hasa, honored Thursday the final ceremony of Hofuf Islamic Studies and Sharia College's summer center. The ceremony marked the end of the center's activity which lasted 60 days and in which 400 students from various educational levels took part. Prizes and gifts were distributed to the participant students.

ABHA (SPA) — Students participating in Dhamad's summer center are on a four-day trip in the Asir Region during which they will get acquainted to the area's historic features. The students from Dhamad center numbering 145 are part of the 1,000 students who enrolled in Jizan's six summer centers.

By Asir governor

## Bahes tourist village opened

ABHA, Aug. 28 (SPA) — Governor of Asir region Prince Khaled Al-Faisal dedicated the Bahes tourist village project — the first of its kind in Saudi Arabia — near here Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, Prince Khaled stressed the need for the establishment of such projects and urged the capitalists to invest in similar projects in the country, rather than investing their capitals abroad.

He also called on the Saudi Hotels and Resort Areas Company to implement some of its projects in Asir and similar areas, and further asked the Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) to include Asir and other areas in its service operations.

Later, the governor told a gathering of journalists that the state's concern for Asir region will turn it into a tourist resort of the first order not only for the citizens but for the peoples of the whole Gulf region. He reaffirmed that the state will not spare any effort in supporting the projects submitted by local investors, and added that the project of a tourist village in Sodah area is currently underway and is expected to be completed early 1983.

Prince Khaled said that his governorate has recently set up a department for the development of tourism, whose task will be to coordinate efforts of various circles interested in summer resorts. He added that an office has been opened for the development and coordination of services in the area.

The governor denied that concentration on summer resort projects would adversely affect the agriculture in the region. He also referred to the efforts being made by the Ministry of Communications to link Asir to the rest of the country through a network of roads. Recently, a contract has been let for Riyadh/Asir highway, after allocating necessary funds for the project in the current year's budget, he said.

On the other hand, Prince Khaled said that the King Faisal Welfare Society is currently implementing a commercial markets project in Abha at a cost of nearly SR25 million.

The opening ceremony was attended by Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Ibrahim, governor of Baha region, and top officials of the area. The Bahes tourist project includes 14 housing units, gardens, luna parks and different kinds of restaurants and cafes.

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# Israel orders return of aid to West Bank

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (Agencies) — The Israeli military government has ordered Palestinian institutions in the occupied West Bank to return all funds received from Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization, Israel Radio reported Thursday.

It said the Israeli authorities ordered a bus cooperative in Bir Zeit, north of Jerusalem, to return \$30,000 it received from the joint PLO-Jordanian Committee which oversees the transfer of funds to the West Bank.

The bus company was told to return the funds and to show the military authorities a receipt, the report said.

Israel recently stepped up its harassment of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as they have refused to negotiate with the Israelis on Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories.

Bethlehem mayor Elias Freij told the Associated Press by that he learned of the

order about a month ago. He said loss of Palestinian funds would seriously curtail his municipality's services. "Fifty percent of our day-to-day budget and 100 percent of our development budget is covered by Palestinian funds", he said.

Freij said Bethlehem received \$12,000 from the military government last year to supplement local tax revenues and another \$1 million from the joint committee. "We bring funds in as we need them," he said, "but very soon the need will arise for more. If the order is strictly applied, it will paralyze our municipal services". Freij said. He did not know if any other West Bank institutions had been ordered to return funds to Jordan.

Hebron Mayor Mutaqa Natshe claimed the cutoff would affect construction of a sixth school, a sewerage project and a road widening project in his town of 50,000 south of Jerusalem.

## Russia repeats call for world M.E. conference

MOSCOW, Aug. 28 (R) — The Soviet Union has said the Israeli-Egyptian summit in Alexandria had been a failure and repeated its call for an international conference to shape a settlement in the Middle East.

The official news agency Tass said Thursday it was clear President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin had been "going round in circles" when they discussed the Palestinian problem and had failed to come any closer to a solution.

Referring to their agreement to resume stalled Palestinian autonomy talks, Tass said this was only reached because both sides wanted to avoid admitting the meeting had been a waste of time. "These talks on Palestinian autonomy; a matter to be decided by the Palestinians themselves, have been dragged out over two years. This farce cannot be assessed in any other way than as the ultimate in cynicism and hypocrisy," it added.

Tass said the only path to a settlement in the region was through an international conference at which the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was able to take part. The Soviet Union has repeatedly proposed such a conference and suggested Moscow and Washington could act as guarantor powers for any agreement.

## Total accord on Sinai, Ghazala says

CAIRO, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Egypt and Israel have reached total agreement on the last phase on the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai, Egyptian Defense Minister General Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala said in Alexandria Thursday.

Speaking after a meeting with his Israeli counterpart, Ariel Sharon, he said: "The timetable of the withdrawal will be put into effect in all its details, so that the withdrawal will be completed as expected in April 1981." He added "there are no problems."

Gen. Ghazala said airports and other military installations in Sinai would be handed over to Egypt as scheduled in the agreement, and that the Egyptian-Israeli military committee would meet Sept. 20. Sharon who was part of Begin's delegation has returned to Israel.

## All parties hail OAU proposal on W. Sahara

RABAT, Aug. 28 (R) — A new plan for a ceasefire and a referendum in the disputed Western Sahara announced by an Organization of African Unity (OAU) committee Wednesday was welcomed by all parties concerned.

Morocco, which is administering Western Sahara, the Polisario which is fighting for the region's independence and Algeria, which has backed the Polisario against Morocco, all claimed victory after hearing of the plan. Mauritania, which formerly administered part of Western Sahara, also welcomed the new proposal.

The plan has announced in Nairobi by a seven-nation OAU committee comprising representatives of Tanzania, Mali, Kenya, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Guinea.

The committee said it would conduct a self-determination referendum as soon as a ceasefire was agreed upon by the warring factions through the committee's mediation. Morocco has been at war with the Polisario since 1976 and has refused to recognize or

## Ex-CIA agent refutes charges against Libya

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (AP) — Former CIA agent Edwin Wilson says allegations that the Green Berets he recruited were used to train terrorists is "an absolute lie."

In an interview broadcast Thursday with ABC-News in Tripoli, Libya, Wilson said he recruited Green Berets, but they were used to teach "low-level army tactics." Four Ex-Green Berets he hired still are working in Libya, Wilson said. He also said explosive timers he supplied to Libya were "meant to be used harmlessly" in the training of military forces.

A former sergeant in the special forces said Tuesday in Honolulu he and other ex-Green Berets were recruited four years ago at Fort Bragg, N.C., to go to Libya. The man, retired master sergeant Luke F. Thompson, said "first of all, I don't think this country (Libya) is training any terrorists, let alone the Green Berets training them."

He said a Swiss company, which he declined to identify, hired the ex-Green Berets "on behalf of the Libyan government to do low-level training of their military people ... Squad instruction on fire maneuver ... just advising at a very basic level."

## Sirhan denies statement on Sen. Kennedy

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (AP) — Sirhan Sirhan, says "may lightning strike me dead" if he ever stated he would kill Senator Edward M. Kennedy if he got out of prison.

Sirhan, in an interview at California's Soledad Prison that was broadcast by ABC News Thursday night, also said he probably would go to some Arab country if released, and has invitations from Libya, and possibly others. Sirhan is serving a life term but can seek parole in 1984. The California senate Thursday voted 35-0 to urge the board of prison terms to drop plans to parole him.

Sirhan said he blamed the political aspirations of the Los Angeles district attorney, John Van de Kamp, for the idea that Sirhan had told other inmates he would kill the Massachusetts Senator. "I understand that Van de Kamp is in the process of running for the attorney generalship of ... California," Sirhan said in the interview filmed Tuesday.

"I would be a very easy scapegoat for him to unload all his failures ... important criminal cases that he's blundered in Los Angeles," Sirhan said the charges "are totally untrue."

## Haig said attending autonomy talks

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (R) — United States Secretary of State Alexander Haig might attend next month's resumed Egyptian-Israeli talks on Palestinian autonomy in person, reports in two newspapers said here Friday.

Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin said Thursday night that it took him and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat "exactly 30 seconds" to agree on a resumption of talks. Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Shamir handed over an invitation for Washington to name its representatives to the talks to the U.S. Ambassador in Israel, Samuel Lewis. Washington correspondents of *The Jerusalem Post*, *Haaretz*, and *Al Hamishmar* wrote Friday that the U.S.

administration had been caught short by the speed with which the two countries reached agreement.

However, *Maariv* discounted reports in *The Jerusalem Post* and *Hamishmar* that Haig might come to the talks. Quoting sources close to Haig's office, it said the United Nations was "irritated" by the agreement being reached without the U.S. being consulted or notified.

*The Jerusalem Post* said the problems between Israel and Egypt were too great for immediate solutions, while *Haaretz* dismissed results announced so far of the 11th Israeli-Egyptian summit in Alexandria as "administrative."

## Begin's ruling partners stone police

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Two police bomb squad experts were injured and a special explosives-defusing vehicle was put out of service Thursday night by a hail of rocks thrown by ultra-orthodox Jewish protesters, police said Friday.

The vehicle, which was equipped with a device that defuses bombs from a distance, was one of only two here. The ultra-orthodox attack could seriously hamper police bomb demolition efforts in the city, police said.

The ultra-orthodox groups, partners in Begin's fragile coalition, clashes with police over an archaeological dig that they said could disturb an ancient grave site, set upon the truck when it passed through their neighborhood.

In another development, observers noted an increase in the number of letters to newspapers demanding resistance to growing "religious obscurantism" in the country.

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# Zia sees flexibility in Afghan proposals

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 28 (AP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq Thursday said the new terms for negotiating a political solution of the Afghan crisis displayed "considerable flexibility."

Zia, speaking to reporters at a bridge dedication northwest of here, said his government had not yet received an official text of the conditions but that an Afghan broadcast report clearly reflected a change. The Kabul regime announced Monday it would be willing to hold "bilateral, trilateral or multilateral" talks with United Nations participation. Before, it had insisted on separate negotiations with Tehran and Islamabad.

Zia gave no indication what likely response he would make to the Afghan terms offered. They still called for dialogue directly with the Kabul regime officials while Islamabad has been insisting on meeting only with representatives of Afghan President Babrak Karmal's ruling Khalq Party.

His reaction to the eight-point Afghan statement was in sharp contrast to that of Washington and Peking which called it a warmed-over version of one announced by Kabul May 14, 1980. The Pakistan leader also said there had been a "qualitative" change in the Soviet role in Afghanistan

which made necessary the exchange of views this week with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Nikolai Firyubin, the most senior Moscow official to be invited since the 1979 Soviet intervention. Firyubin was holding talks Friday in New Delhi with Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathé.

Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, who arrived in Islamabad said Friday that the production of F-16 fighter-bombers was being speeded up to meet the demand of the U.S. armed forces and such foreign buyers as Pakistan.

But Mrs. Kirkpatrick said the only assurance she could make to the Pakistani president, known to be critical of delays, is that his country will receive the aircraft "well short" of the normal 42-month production time.

"There is a very large backlog and there is a serious depletion of our own national inventory," she explained. Pakistan was expected to receive 36 F-16s two years from the date the order is placed but Zia's regime had hoped to receive a few by the end of 1981.

Official displeasure over the 24-month wait was expressed Friday by Zia himself when he said that the delay could reinforce Pakistani sentiment that the U.S. government could not be relied upon.

# Cheyssou arrives in Amman

AMMAN, Aug. 28 (Agencies) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheyssou arrived here Friday from Paris to begin a three-day trip to three Mideast nations. Cheyssou will also travel to Syria and Lebanon where he is expected to meet Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yassar Arafat. Cheyssou will return to Paris Monday.

Earlier in Paris King Hussein and Cheyssou Thursday discussed peace moves in the Middle East, including Crown Prince Fahd's peace plan for a settlement of the Mideast problem.

The Jordanian monarch, who had dinner talks with President Francois Mitterrand Wednesday night, saw Cheyssou the eve of his departure. "France considers that Jordan has a key position in the Middle East and has a vital role to play in the Palestinian question," Cheyssou told reporters after the meeting. "Jordan is a stable and well-managed country and for us this has considerable importance, he added.

Asked about Crown Prince Fahd's peace proposals, he said: "This plan is interesting and positive, both because of its tone and content and because Saudi Arabia is one of the leading countries of the Middle East."

# Sudanese crackdown on Eritrean factions

KHARTOUM, Aug. 28 (R) — Sudanese government sources have confirmed reports of a Sudanese crackdown on volunteers fighting for the independence of Ethiopia's Eritrea province.

The sources said the crackdown followed fierce fighting between rival groups. They said the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) had driven 4,000 fighters of the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Command (ELF-RC) over the border from Eritrea into Sudan early this month.

The Sudanese government subsequently closed down the fighters' offices here and forced the ELF-RC to vacate its men from border base where they had taken refuge, the sources said.

An ELF-RC spokesman in Damascus had accused Sudan of taking part in what he called "a total extermination war against the Eritrean people." The sources here said the crackdown was only temporary.

They said there had been skirmishes for the past three months between the EPLF and ELF-RC, the two main factions, and "this jeopardized Sudan's efforts to bring about a peaceful solution to the Eritrean question."

# BRIEFS

EPISKOPI, Cyprus (AP) — A Royal Air Force helicopter from Britain's Akrotiri base on this Mediterranean island hovered over a disabled ship Friday and lowered an RAF doctor to attend to a sick woman aboard the Panamanian-registered vessel, officials said.

BANGKOK, (AP) — Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali is scheduled to visit Thailand.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Four F-16 fighter planes will leave the General Dynamics Corp. plant at Fort Worth, Texas, Friday in the first phase of a flight to Israel, U.S. Air Force officials said Thursday.

WARSAW, (R) — The Polish state airline LOT said Friday it was acting to prevent arms going to Beirut on its planes. Beirut airport customs officials said they seized about 500 pistols which arrived on board a LOT plane from Warsaw last Saturday.

# Hijacked boat leaves France

# 25 Kurdish fighters die in Iranian operations

BEIRUT, Aug. 28 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini's government said Friday 25 Kurdish insurgents were killed in a three-day mop-up operation mounted by revolutionary guards in Iran's northwestern province of Azerbaijan to put down a rebellion by autonomy-seeking Kurds.

A statement from the command of revolutionary guard corps said 18 Iranian soldiers and guardsmen captured by guerrillas of the outlawed Kurdish Democratic Party were freed in the operation that brought "all villages in the rebel areas" under government control.

Meanwhile, revolutionary committees in Miandoab, northern Iran, have arrested 20 Mujahadeen Khalq leftists and members of Marxist-Leninist Peykar and minority Fedayin groups, Tehran radio announced. The revolutionary court office in the western Azerbaijan town said that a large number of banned publications and books along with the equivalent of \$10,000 had been seized, the radio said. At Shiraz in southern Fars province,

revolutionary guards arrested five Mujahadeen Khalq members after unearthing a hideout. Important quantities of equipment were also seized, the radio said. Another 18 Mujahadeen Khalq were arrested in Golbasf, in Kerman province, south Iran, it reported.

Maritime officials said in Toulon that the Iranian gunboat *Tabarzin*, hijacked off Gibraltar Aug. 13 and brought to this southern French seaport six days later, left early Friday for an undisclosed destination. The vessel cast off with an all-Iranian crew, and was given enough fuel to allow it to reach its destination. It was also checked thoroughly before leaving, the sources said.

The French-built gunboat was one of three that left for Iran from the French port of Cherbourg Aug. 1. It was hijacked 12 days later by 22 commandos opposed to the regime of Khomeini, and eventually brought to Marseilles, southern France, for refueling. But France refused to refuel the vessel, and took it over when the hijackers requested and received permission to stay in the country.

# 3 Israelis held for bid to murder Britons

MARSEILLES, Aug. 28 (R) — Three Israelis have been charged with attempting to murder three Britons in a fight on a train near Marseilles Monday, police said Thursday.

Zion Sekharia, 26, David Dahan, 26, and Jacob Benchouchan, 28, all residents of Paris, were arrested Monday night after a fight, apparently about seating arrangements on board a Paris-bound train, the police said. They were remanded in custody at a court hearing.

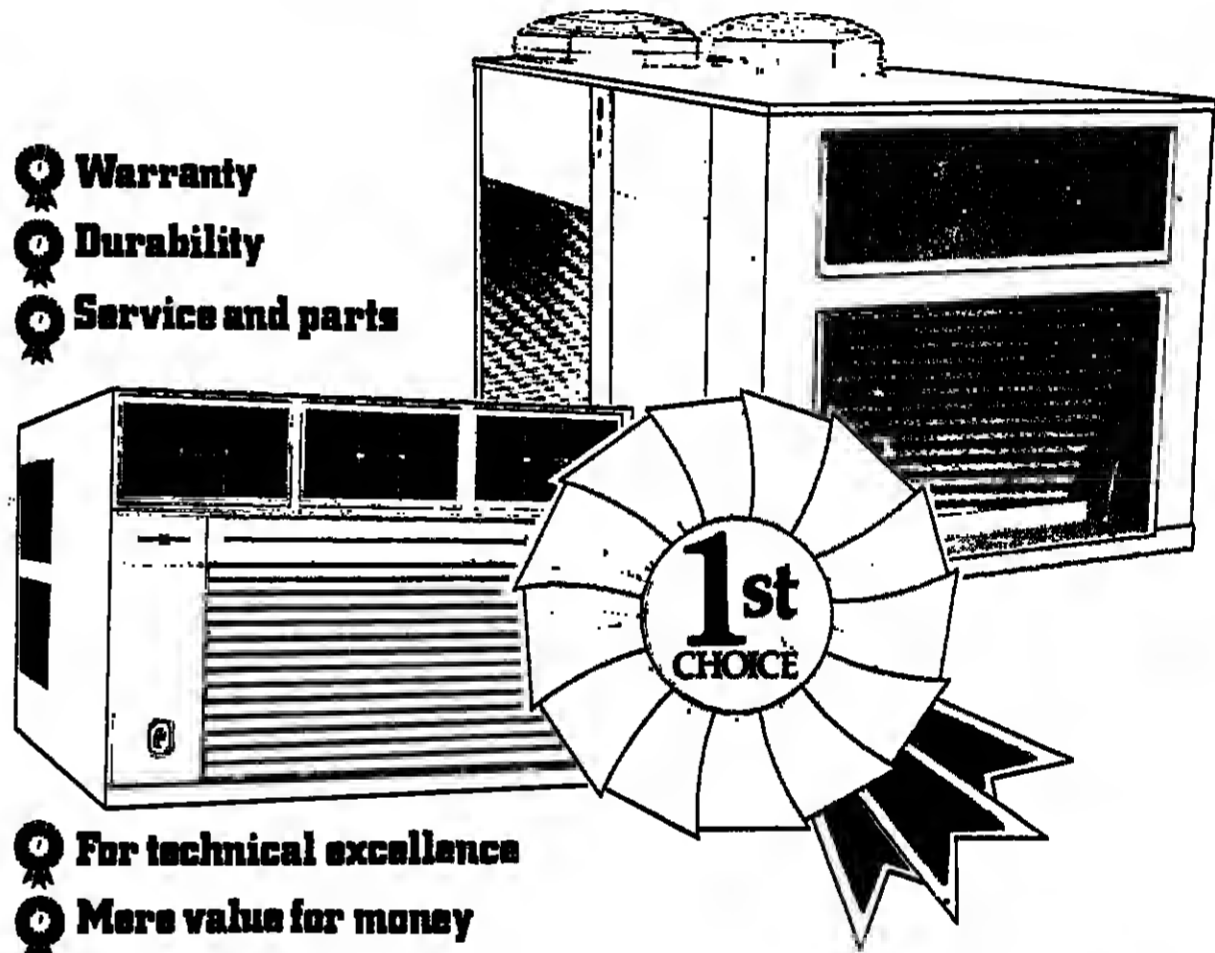
The three Britons are in hospital recovering from stab wounds.

# Libyan pilots safe

SANTA BARBARA, California, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Neither of the Libyan pilots shot down over the Mediterranean last week by U.S. jet fighters was killed, President Ronald Reagan said here Thursday. Speaking to a group of California Republicans, Reagan said: "As far as we can tell, both their pilots were picked up, and therefore there was no loss of life."

The Pentagon originally had announced that one of the two pilots had parachuted to safety and the other had apparently died in the explosion of his plane.

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# Agency officials deny cancer therapy charges

WASHINGTON (LAT) — Nearly 100 cancer patients were exposed to large doses of radiation in Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) treatment chambers between 1960 and 1974 under a therapy program partially financed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) according to an article published recently in *mother Jones Magazine*. NASA wanted to know how much radiation astronauts could absorb without becoming sick, the article reported.

The magazine said that other therapy treatments could have been more effective, that patients were not fully informed about the program and that a primary purpose of the program was to obtain information for the space agency rather than to emphasize cancer therapy. The charges were strongly denied by Department of Energy officials.

NASA provided only \$700,000 for the therapy, compared with \$12 million from the Atomic Energy Commission, said Dr. George Bibb, director of the Research Division at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., nuclear facility, where the treatments were administered.

Oak Ridge, now operated by the Department of Energy, provides enriched uranium for the nation's atomic weapons. Radiation therapy techniques were developed at Oak Ridge, which had a large supply of radioactive material. Doctors from as far as 300 miles away sent patients to the 20-bed nuclear study hospital at Oak Ridge. The hospital was closed in 1974 because of rising costs, Bibb said.

At least 89 patients received large doses of radiation in specially built chambers, the magazine said. "The government doctors administering the treatments knew of other therapy techniques — using either different types of radiation exposure or chemotherapy — that were superior," it said. "The clinic facilities were 'substandard' according to the government itself, and the AEC eventually forced its own clinic to close down," according to the article.

But Dr. Clarence L. Lushbaugh, a pathologist who is director of the Medical and

Science Research Division at Oak Ridge, said, "we had the best therapy there was. The patient came first."

An AEC team that visited the facilities said the radiation treatment programs were developed "without adequate planning, criticism or objectives, and have achieved less in substantial productivity than merits continued support," according to a 1974 AEC report. "There has been little thought as to therapeutic utility or potential long range side effects."

Lushbaugh said money from NASA "engaged us to additional studies in areas" in which research was needed. NASA wanted to know what level of radiation would cause sickness. "They did not want someone to vomit in a space capsule while wearing a space suit," Lushbaugh said recently.

The *Mother Jones* article says the cancer patients treated at Oak Ridge "really became guinea pigs for the space program."

That allegation was later denied by NASA officials, who said they were simply gathering information about persons already under radiation treatment. "We certainly did not use human beings as radiation subjects," said Dr. Stuart Nachtwey chief of the biomedical applications branch at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Doctors treating the patients and prescribing radiation doses had no connection with NASA, he said. NASA "was not involved in the therapeutic aspects we just gathered any information we could," Nachtwey said.

Dr. Karl Z. Morgan, who directed the Health Physics Division at Oak Ridge during the period of the treatments, said he was misled about the treatment program, according to the article.

"I naively thought that the purpose... was to use ionizing radiation in the treatment of cancer in a manner that had been proven to offer justifiable hope for remission, and in some cases, a cure," Morgan said. "I believe I was misled, and my hope and trust in this program were badly misplaced."

# Austerity program hits GM Institute operation

DETROIT (LAT) — General Motors Corp.'s austerity program touched one of its most hallowed corporate shrines recently when the auto maker said it plans to unload or close down the unique company-owned engineering college that has turned out thousands of GM executives, including its last three presidents. GM said it is "seeking less costly and perhaps more effective ways of recruiting and training engineers" than its 62-year-old General Motors Institute nearby Flint, Mich.

For years, it was a joke at the institute that it was the only part of the corporation that consistently lost money. It cost GM \$16 million last year. But, until now, the company always felt that it got its money's worth.

One advanced student in the 1950s, for example, made a study of GM car doors and why they were so hard to close. His thesis, "hard door-closing efforts," proposed a solution that supposedly saved GM \$1 million more than \$1 million in the next year and a half.

Over the years, 96 percent of the institute's graduates have gone to work for GM, and nearly two-thirds of all its living graduates remain with the company. Its famous alumni include F. James McDonald, the current president of GM, and his two immediate predecessors, Elliott M. Estes and the late Edward N. Cole.

General Motors Institute was started in 1919 as a technical training school, became part of GM in 1926 and gradually evolved into a fully accredited, degree-granting college unique to American business.

Its incoming students rank in the top 6 percent of all college freshmen academically, and the school's curriculum is monitored by a

board of top academicians from around the country headed by James H. Zumberge, president of the University of Southern California.

The five-year engineering program calls for the students to alternate 12 weeks on campus with 12 weeks working for a GM division, an arrangement that gives the students about \$6,500 annual income from which to pay a relatively modest \$1,400 a year in tuition.

Although the curriculum is dominated by engineering courses, the current president, William R. Cottingham, a former Purdue University engineer, has tried to broaden the academic focus.

The announcement was made after a Flint newspaper inquired about a task force report submitted to GM's executive committee on the cost-efficiency of the institute.

GM already has postponed key expansion programs put its New York headquarters on the block and cut back its salaried staff in response to the worst industry-wide sales slump since the great depression.

"Whether the institute will continue to operate independently of GM and how soon GM would begin to phase out its relationship are still to be decided," company Vice President David C. Collier said.

When asked whether that means GM has already decided to "unload" the institute but has not yet determined how to accomplish that, a GM spokesman said: "you have interpreted it right. To the best of my knowledge, we have not talked to anybody about buying it."

The company said the school's cooperative education program will be maintained long enough for its 2,300 current students to receive their undergraduate degrees.

It was unclear what alternatives to GM ownership are available for the institute. But Cottingham was quoted as saying, "I'd be willing to gamble we'll be open in five years. As far as I know we're in business to stay."

# China's flooding problem

PEKING, (LAT) — The extensive floods in southwest China's Sichuan province were due in large part to the wholesale felling of trees along the upper Yangtze River over many years, destroying the natural watershed there, according to Chinese officials. Tan Oilong, the Communist party first secretary in Sichuan, China's most populous province, said that the area's forests — and with them the ecological balance — had been virtually destroyed.

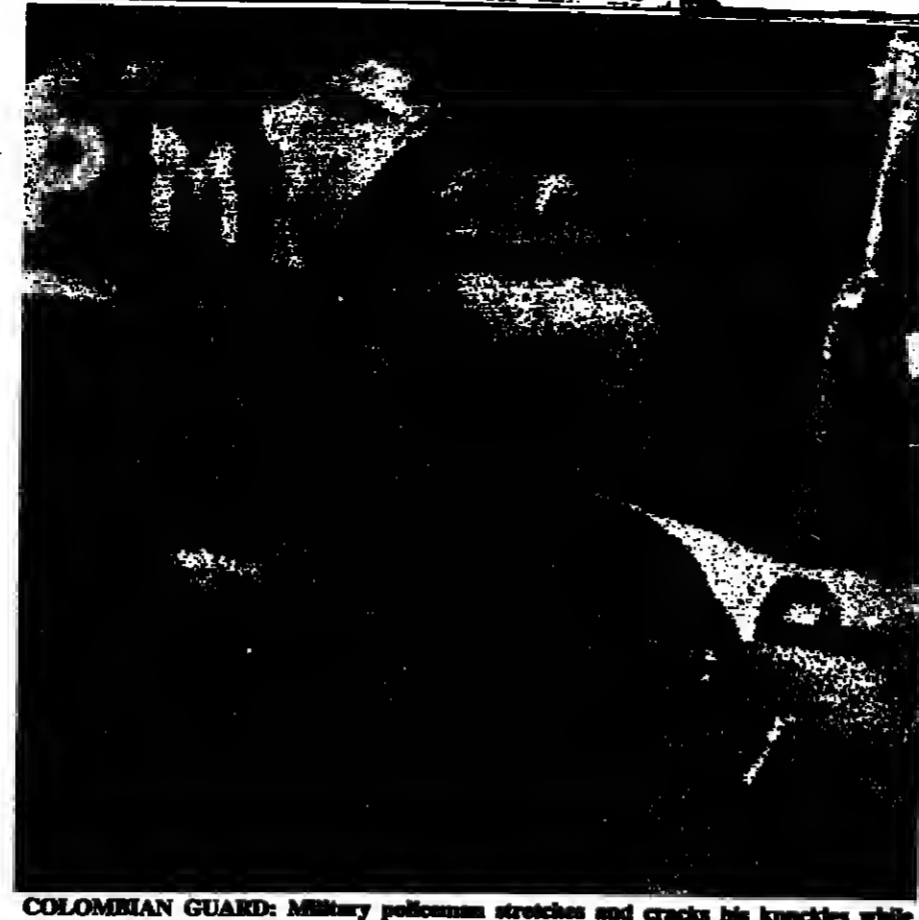
"This painful lesson should be used to educate our people for generations to come," Oilong said.

The floods killed 768 persons, according to official reports, and left more than 1.5 million homeless. Vast areas, including whole countries, were inundated as the Yangtze and its tributaries overflowed their banks after heavy rains in late July and August.

The destruction of the mountainside forests meant the loss of the natural protective barrier — the roots that hold the topsoil and foliage that shields it — against such flooding, Oilong said. He blamed past agricultural policies that emphasized the development of all available land, including the terracing of hills, to increase grain production.

Zhen Lu, deputy director of China's Forestry Institute, also attributed the destruction of the forests to the emphasis on grain production under former Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-Tung. Mao declared grain to be the "key link" for China's development and urged the whole country to emulate the rural brigade in northern China that had terraced its hills to the top and boosted its harvest.

For the past four years, the Chinese leadership has been trying to reverse that trend with a massive reforestation program and strict regulations



COLOMBIAN GUARD: Military policeman stretches and cracks his knuckles while standing guard. Latest information released by the government admit that Bogota probably has the highest crime rate for its size of any capital city in the world.

# Bogota's crime rate high; tourists warned

BOGOTA, — Colombian authorities reluctantly admit that Bogota probably has the highest crime rate for its size of any capital city in the world.

In hotel rooms, tourist brochures state that Bogota is no more unsafe than ancient Rome for present-day New York. But the fact that the point is raised, along with tips on how to avoid being mugged or robbed in the streets, implies that the authorities are conscious of the city's reputation.

"Never wear a watch and avoid wearing glasses if you can," a long-term resident advised. "I have already lost two watches and friends of mine have had their glasses snatched off their nose," he added.

Statistics are hard to come by and people are at a loss to explain why Bogota is so violent. Other third world capitals have similar problems: rapid growth, inadequate housing, poor education and high unemployment. Bureaucratic corruption is rampant in

Bogota and police are underpaid, but those problems can be applied to other major cities. Yet only in Bogota are five persons murdered the same day in the same district and several banks in the same street assaulted simultaneously.

Rich Colombians and the foreign community live in luxury districts patrolled day and night by private policemen armed with sub-machine guns. Armed guards escort buses to and from school and no shop or department store would be without them.

Stagnant towns exist close to luxury residential areas with exclusive shopping centers and glass and concrete skyscrapers. But Colombia is much decentralized than Mexico, Venezuela and Peru and Bogota is not growing as rapidly as Mexico City, Caracas or Lima.

Many industries are located in Medellin, the country's second largest city. But, with a population nearing the five-million mark and 25 percent of production concentrated in

# Mexican expert attacks Reagan's worker program

WASHINGTON — A Mexican expert on immigration attacked President Reagan's "guest worker" program recently as something designed to please only employers in the southwestern United States. Jorge Bustamante, director of the U.S.-Mexican Border Studies Program at El Colegio de Mexico, said that the plan to admit 50,000 temporary workers a year to the United States as part of the administration's new immigration program has been wrongly presented as an "act of generosity" toward Mexico.

"Immigration is being seen in Mexico now as something that ought to be included in discussions of the new economic order and price of exports from the Third World," he said. "It's like the exportation of an energy source."

To make the process fair, Bustamante said, organized labor both in the United States and Mexico, as well as U.S. employers, should negotiate the conditions under which seasonal workers come here.

The administration proposal would require temporary workers to pay income taxes and Social Security taxes. They would receive health care, but would not be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits or food stamps. Their families would not be allowed to accompany them.

"The only group this plan makes sense for is the employers in the United States," Bustamante said. The demand for migratory labor is no longer primarily for agriculture, the Mexican educator said, but for the garment industry and seasonal service industries such as resort hotels and restaurants.

For the employers, Bustamante said, an oversupply of labor is desirable, because increased competition for jobs means lower wages. Organized labor in the United States, he said, should seek enforcement of labor laws in all aspects of the immigration program, which is also designed to legalize the status of aliens now living illegally in the United States.

"The government shouldn't be running this," he said. "The employers in the garment industry or the hotel industry or the farmers should say how many workers they need and negotiate with organized labor from both countries."

Bustamante described the present illegal immigration from Mexico to the United States as flowing like a river, high in the summer and low in the winter. The volume ranges between 400,000 and 1.5 million, he said, and the number of "undocumented" Mexicans who have taken up residence in the United States is no more than 150,000.

# Colombians in their thousands left the countryside seeking relative shelter in big cities, swelling the ranks of the unemployed and often carrying on the war.

Today, the two parties share power but political violence continues. The tradition is kept alive by a handful of leftist guerrilla groups. As a result, it is not always easy to differentiate between political and purely criminal murders.

Kidnappings for ransom are frequent and not always politically-motivated. They often end tragically even when the ransom has been paid.

In addition, Colombia's emergence as the world's top marijuana producer has led to mafia-style revenge killings between rival gangs with many unemployed finding well-paid jobs as hit-men.

Several judges involved in drug cases have been killed recently in broad daylight by gunmen riding motorcycles. (R)



INSPECTION: A Colombian army officer tells his troops to shape up during an inspection.

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# Salvador rocked by blasts

## Battles reported in three towns

SAN SALVADOR, Aug. 28 (AP) — A dozen explosions rocked the Capital Thursday night, wrecking a number of electric power installations. A police spokesman said one person was killed by the blast and at least five were injured.

Earlier in the day, the army rushed troops and artillery northeast of the capital to dislodge leftists from three small towns. Police reported finding the bodies of 21 more persons killed, victims of the leftist, rightist violence.

The bomb blasts plunged several sections of the city into darkness for moments, while it caused brownouts in others. The first explosions went off shortly after 9 p.m. EST (0100 GMT) and 11 more followed in intervals of 10 to 15 minutes.

A police spokesman blamed the explosions on leftists, as part of a campaign to wreck the country's economy. More than 50 lamp posts have been destroyed by guerrilla plastic bombs this week in the capital alone. In leaflets to news media, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, a federation of five of the country's six leftist groups, said the lamp-post explosion is part of its strategy to overthrow the U.S.-backed ruling junta.

Heavy fighting was reported in an area around the towns of Palo Grande, El Roble and Aguacayo, a military spokesman said.

The spokesman, who requested anonymity for security reasons, said the towns are located approximately 32 kms northeast of the capital. Suchitoto, the biggest city in the area, was cut off in the early morning after leftists blew up a bridge on a road leading to it.

Earlier, leftist bands reportedly damaged the city's water and electrical systems.

The military spokesman said the reinforcements sent to the area were backed by artillery and had air support, but he declined to give details. However, witnesses reported seeing "a large number" of troops from the Atlacatl anti-guerrilla army battalion moving in trucks toward the three towns.

In other action Thursday a squad of about 50 guerrillas dressed in olive-green military fatigues attacked a number of villages in Usulután province and assassinated several peasants, another military source said.

Meanwhile, army patrols continued to sweep mountain areas in northern Chalatenango province, near the Honduran border, searching for guerrilla hideouts, the sources said.

## Competition from Murdoch

# U.S. daily ends publication

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (AP) — The final issue of *The Daily News Tonight* hit the stands Friday, one year after the *News* began its afternoon edition as a challenge to Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post*.

*The Daily News*, which sells 1.3 million copies of its morning edition each day, still has the largest circulation of any single-city daily newspaper in the country. But the paper had a 2 million circulation a decade ago before Murdoch, an Australian publishing magnate, bought the *Post* and began boosting its circulation with emphasis on human interest and personality stories.

Competing with *The New York Times* in the morning market, the *News* decided to challenge the *Post* in the afternoon. The *Post* quickly announced a morning edition. "We went out to produce the liveliest, most interesting editorial package we could,

and ... it didn't work. The market isn't there," *Daily News* publisher Robert M. Hunt said at a recent news conference announcing the edition's end.

Partly as a result of the afternoon edition's failure, *The Daily News* faces an \$11 million deficit this year, despite belittling measures. These included a pay freeze for some employees, an end to executive bonus and a 10 percent cut in salary for some executives. Some 320 *Tonight* employees are losing their jobs.

The *Tonight* edition never reached its 200,000 circulation goal. It sold 70,000 copies a day at the end. The *Post* has an average daily circulation of 688,000 with its morning and afternoon editions. The circulation of *The Wall Street Journal*, which has a nationwide readership, is larger than that of the *News*.

## French judge reinstated

PARIS, Aug. 28 (AFP) — A lower-court judge who was removed from the bench last year for allegedly abusing his position in decisions favoring workers and immigrants, was Friday officially reinstated as a magistrate.

## Space goats suggested

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Goats should join men on long-term space missions in the future, the American magazine *Science* has reported in its latest edition.

A computer study conducted by a Cornell University (Ithaca, New York) chemist, Michael Schuler, concluded that goats, having the ability to chew, re-chew, and digest heavy plant life, could get rid of vegetable wastes efficiently.

In a spacecraft carrying 24 men on a two-year journey, equipped to grow edible vegetables without soil, the goats would eat the inedible roots and stems, the chemist wrote. Moreover, the goats could provide the astronauts with fresh milk.

## New U.K. law causes controversy

LONDON, Aug. 28 (AP) — A new contempt-of-court law went into effect Thursday in Britain, making it illegal for jurors to disclose how they reached a verdict and giving judges broader powers to limit reporting.

Supporters of the law say it liberalizes Britain's contempt statute, but critics claim it erodes the right to publish the truth. The most controversial feature of the 1981 Contempt of Court Act is a provision — tacked onto the original bill as a last-minute amendment — clamping down on jury room disclosures.

Jacques Bidalou, a judge in the northeastern town of Hayange, was removed for abuse of power on July 16, 1980 by Alain Peyrefitte, justice minister in the cabinet of former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. Peyrefitte accused Judge Bidalou of "insolence" and "lacking reserve."

Opponents of the removal called the decision political, and cited Bidalou's order that seven immigrant workers be allowed to return to their boarding houses, although they had held rent strikes. That decision was later overturned by an appeal court.

Judge Bidalou, who called himself a "judge who does not dance to the whistler's tune," once called former Prime Minister Raymond Barre to testify in the case of an unemployed worker who had written bad checks.

He also released a union member who had painted wall slogans denouncing bosses, citing an economic crisis in the eastern province of Lorraine. Last December, Judge Bidalou wrote to Giscard d'Estaing, whom he called "the guarantor of judicial authority," to demand that he "put an end to the odious and ridiculous interference into the judiciary by the executive branch."

Under the law, it is illegal for anyone to "obtain, disclose or solicit" information about anything that happens during secret jury deliberations. Reporters and researchers are banned from asking jurors questions about their deliberations, and jurors can be held in contempt for telling them.

Technically, the law makes it a criminal act for jurors to chat with friends or family about what happened in the jury room. But the attorney general must approve any attempt to bring contempt proceedings, making it unlikely a juror would be prosecuted for such a breach.

## Dutch reject deployment of neutron

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Aug. 28 (AP) — Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klaauw assured parliament Thursday that the Dutch government will oppose any deployment of the neutron warhead in the Netherlands.

Van der Klaauw said that although production of the neutron warheads was an internal U.S. matter, the Dutch government regretted that NATO allies were not informed of the decision until after it was made. However, Van der Klaauw refused to say the neutron bomb should never be deployed in Holland, adding, "You should never say never."

In Peking, the official Xinhua news agency said Friday Moscow is raising the possibility of a Soviet neutron bomb in an effort to fuel existing discord between the United States and Western Europe.

"In the eyes of Moscow, the blackmail would be worthwhile if it succeeds in widening the differences between Washington and some of its NATO allies, even though there is no hope of forcing the Reagan administration to rescind its decision," Xinhua said.

The Chinese agency said the Soviet Union's concern is not European security or the fate of mankind but its own military supremacy.

## New York cop saves man trying to end life

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (AP) — A man tried to commit suicide Thursday, but a quick-witted policeman snatched him after he jumped from a 12th-floor window, police said. Police officer Joe McConville said the man, Daniel Leventritt, 23, was taken to a hospital for observation after the incident.

McConville said police went to a building on West 70th Street on Manhattan's west side after receiving a report that a man was standing near a window up to the hallway and tried to talk Leventritt into backing away from the widow, and emergency service personnel were called in. But before they could arrive, Leventritt jumped.

Police officer Michael Maurer, 34, leaned out the window and grabbed the man by the wrists as he fell. Maurer managed to hold Leventritt while hanging out the window until emergency services arrived and pulled both men to safety, McConville said.

## Naples parlor wrecked

NAPLES, Italy, Aug. 28 (AFP) — The world's largest pizza parlor was wrecked by a bomb Thursday night, an informed source said here Friday. Investigators blamed the attack on the Camorra, the Naples equivalent of the Sicilian mafia.

## W. Germany may free spy

BONN, Aug. 28 (AFP) — West German authorities are expected imminently to release convicted spy Guenter Guillaume, the discovery of whose activities in 1974 led to the forced resignation of Chancellor Willy Brandt, according to Friday's issue of the newspaper *Bild Zeitung*. Government officials have held several meetings recently on the subject, the newspaper claimed. The West German government called the report "speculative."

Guillaume and his wife, Christe, were sentenced in 1975 to 13 years in prison for spying for East Germany. Guillaume had been a personal assistant to Brandt, taking care of his travel arrangements and appointments. Mrs. Guillaume was expelled from West Germany in March of this year. She lives in East Berlin with the couple's son. The Bonn government has said repeatedly that it would not exchange Guillaume for West Germans imprisoned in East Germany.

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Newsman on trial

Malaysia denies Aquino visit

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 28 (Agencies) — The Foreign Ministry here has so far failed to find evidence of a reported visit to Malaysia earlier this month by exiled Filipino opposition leader Benigno Aquino, an official said Friday.

Aquino, given political asylum in the United States after being freed from nearly eight years of detention to enable him to undergo heart surgery in Texas last year, was reported to have told a U.S. news agency in New York Monday he had just returned from a ten-day trip to Malaysia and Singapore, South Korea and Hong Kong.

Such a visit could embarrass Malaysia, as the thorny issue of the Moro fighters in the southern Philippines has always struck a sour note in relations between Malaysia and the Philippines.

According to the Foreign Ministry official, quoted by the Star newspaper, Aquino was supposed to have slipped into Malaysia and met a few Muslim groups somewhere in the east Malaysian state of Sabah. "We still do not know how he could have entered Malaysia," the official added.

Both Foreign Ministry and immigration officials have said they would have known had Aquino visited Malaysia, as they would have been consulted before any entry permit was issued. Foreign Ministry officials were particularly concerned because any sign of Malaysia "allowing someone like Aquino" to make contact with Filipino Muslims or any other group could be misconstrued as opposing the Filipino regime of President Ferdinand Marcos, reliable sources said.

Meanwhile, a staff member of a Chinese language newspaper went on trial here Friday for illegal possession of ammunition, hand grenades and subversive (Communist) documents. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

Liew Sum Seong, 38, a sub-editor of the China Press, is charged under Malaysia's Internal Security Act with possession of 13 rounds of 6.35mm ammunition, five hand grenades and three homemade bombs at a house here on Dec. 28, 1977.

In 1975 Malaysia introduced legislation which required a mandatory death sentence for anyone convicted of illegal possession of firearms, ammunition and explosives if charged under the Internal Security Act. The law was aimed at curbing increased Communist guerrilla activities and armed robberies.

Liew is the first journalist to be charged under the act. Since 1975 more than two dozen have been executed by hanging, and an equal number also convicted under the act are on death row.

Police Inspector Wong Kim Meng, who is now attached to the regional border committee office in Songkhla, south Thailand, told

the court that during interrogation in 1977 Liew admitted he kept the items and agreed to take him to the house.

Liew was interrogated under suspicion of being involved in "underground activities," a term used by police to mean Communist or subversive activities.

The inspector said he found a set of electrical machines for manufacturing land mine castings, a duplicating machine, a box of land mine castings, subversive documents, Communist flags, 13 rounds of ammunition and five hand grenades wrapped in plastic.

Communism is banned in Malaysia and there are 3,000 guerrillas of the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) operating from the jungles. Possession of Communist flags, literature and emblems... also are illegal.

Without U.S. help

India to operate atomic plant

NEW DELHI, Aug. 28 (AFP) — India has taken the necessary steps to ensure the continued operation of its Tarapur atomic plant following the abrogation of a 1963 uranium supply agreement with the United States, Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao told parliament Friday.

In a written reply in the upper house, Rao said the U.S. government had once again told India this week that it was not in a position to continue the nuclear supply relationship with India.

He said the government had now made it clear to the United States that India would consider all obligations arising out of the 1963 agreement no longer binding should the contractual supply relationship be terminated. Under the 1963 agreement, the United States was to supply nuclear fuel to the Tarapur project near Bombay for 30 years. India has the indigenous know-how and capability to cope with all stages of the nuclear fuel cycle: from mining and processing uranium ores, through fuel processing, heavy water production and reactor construction to reprocessing and waste management. Dr. Homi N. Sethi, chairman of the Indian Atomic Energy Commission said in a recent interview:

Chefs gather in Budapest

BUDAPEST, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Chefs to the most powerful men in the world are meeting here for their annual gettogether to exchange exclusive tips and recipes. For three days the club, chaired by Marcel le Servot, chef at France's Elysee Palace, will work through a program of ox-roasting, trips up the Danube and, of course, heavily indulging in Hungarian culinary pleasures.

This exclusive club meets each year in a different capital and is usually entertained by leading national figures. Hungarian cook Gyula Gullner was first invited to join the club in Vienna in 1979. The event, sponsored by leading Hungarian and international catering and travel companies, is being held in Budapest for the first time.

Sri Lankans defer call for separate Tamil state

COLOMBO, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Substantial progress was made Thursday night in talks between the government and the opposition Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) toward solving the minority Tamil problem, which erupted in riots earlier this month, the state-run Daily News said Friday.

Quoting authoritative political sources, the newspaper said that the meeting would reconvene on Monday "when there is a strong possibility of agreement being reached."

The report said the talks centered on a possible "moratorium" on the call for a separate state by the Tamils. This would mean that neither the TULF nor the government would raise the thorny subject of secession for an agreed period of six months, the newspaper said.

The key to the whole problem may lie in getting the recently constituted development councils working properly, the Daily News said. The development councils are expected to provide a certain measure of autonomy in provincial administration. It is hoped this will satisfy the Tamils who want a greater say in activities in the northern and eastern provinces where they outweigh the Sinhalese national majority.

Thursday's discussions, initiated by President J.R. Jayewardene, were attended by TULF leader Appapillai Amirthalingam and two other TULF members of parliament. Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa and six other ministers flanked Jayewardene at the talks. Two community relations specialists, one a constitutional expert and the other one of the architects of the development councils, were also present.

The first meeting in this round of talks was held last week in the wake of a wave of rioting in which Tamil shops were set on fire and looted. The government claims that various groups took advantage of the tension bet-

ween the majority Sinhalese and the minority Tamils to unleash violence for their own purposes — criminal elements for looting and others to ferment trouble and discredit the government.

The tension between the two communities was heightened by a call from the TULF for a separate state in the northern and eastern provinces for the Tamils, who comprise 11.4 percent of Sri Lanka's near 15 million population.

Cambodian talks set in Singapore

MOUGINS, Southern France, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Former Cambodian ruler Prince Norodom Sihanouk leaves here Tuesday for Singapore, where he hopes to discuss the creation of a Cambodian liberation front with Son Sann, his onetime premier, and Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan, the prince said Friday.

Both Sihanouk and Samphan, who is both president and prime minister of the Khmer Rouge government, fighting a guerrilla war in the Cambodian hills, want to organize opposition to the pro-Vietnamese regime at Heng Samrin.

But Son Sann, who controls the non-Communist Khmer People's National Liberation Front, has ruled out Khmer Rouge and Sihanoukist participation in his own proposed government in exile. In an interview Tuesday, he also played down the possibility that he would go to Singapore to meet with the prince.

However, the prince told Agence France-Press Friday that "in the event that Khieu Samphan could not arrive in time in Singapore, where I will stay until Sept. 10, I will go to Peking to meet him before returning to France."

Sison willing to assist Marcos

MANILA, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Jose Maria Sison, former leader of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), Friday said he would join the government of President Ferdinand Marcos "if given a mutually beneficial and honorable offer."

Sison, now on trial for his alleged role in smuggling arms to the CPP in 1972, told newsmen that if Marcos was serious about a coalition of democratic opposition forces, he would accept a government position.

However, he did not elaborate beyond saying that he would be acting on behalf of "national democratic forces" in the Philippines. Sison hastened to add he was talking "theoretically" since there had been no offer from Marcos, and the president to date had not even offered him amnesty.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The United States has carried out its tenth underground nuclear test of the year, the Energy Department reported. The test, which took place in the Nevada desert, had a force of less than 20 kilotons.

MOSCOW (AFP) — The Soviet Union Thursday launched No. 1,301 in its Cosmos earth satellite series, Tass news agency announced here Friday. The satellite, to be used in studying the earth's natural resources, was functioning normally, Tass added.

NORDEAUX, southwestern France (AFP) — Former United States President Richard Nixon left Bordeaux Friday aboard a plane bound for Geneva. Nixon arrived in this town on the southwest coast Wednesday for a two-day tour of the region's vineyards.

MESA, Arizona (AP) — Mary Gohlke, the world's longest surviving heart-lung transplant recipient, says she's looking forward to a quiet welcome from family and friends when she returns home to Mesa next Tuesday. The 45-year-old former Mesa Tribune advertising executive had the transplant March 9 at the Stanford University hospital. She was released three months later and was stayed since then in an apartment near the hospital in Palo Alto, California.

BONN (AFP) — Rocket parts belonging to the West German Army and worth \$600,000 have been found hidden in the crates of a truck company, the mass circulation Bild Zeitung newspaper reported Thursday. The components would have allowed the reconstruction of the electronic systems of a Pershing rocket and a Hawk missile. The newspaper said the West German secret service was trying to find out whether the crates were

destined for some Eastern bloc country or were sent by an arms merchant to one of the world's hot spots.

BOGOTA (AFP) — The Colombian Army has arrested a group of guerrillas held responsible for recent terrorist incidents, including a mortar attack on the presidential palace, military sources said Friday. The sources quoted by Caracol radio said that the arrested included Luis Eduardo Rivera, suspected of organizing the July 20 raid on the palace and an alleged member of the M-19 extreme leftist movement.

LOS ANGELES (AFP) — Gavin MacLeod, who stars as the skipper in the television series Love Boat, has separated from his wife of seven years, the former Patti Steele, a spokesman for the actor said Thursday.

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) — Paul Herget, an international known astronomer and a pioneer of the U.S. space program, died Thursday. He was 73. Herget retired as director of the minor planet center of the International Astronomical Union and head of the Astronomy Department at the University of Cincinnati in 1978.

LIHUE, Hawaii (AP) — Kathryn C. Hulme, author of the best-seller The Nun's Story, has died at the age of 81. With her when she died at a hospital here Tuesday was her business partner, Marie Louise Habets, a former Belgian nun who was the subject of her story.

STOCKHOLM (AFP) — South Korean Prime Minister Nam Duck-Woo is to arrive in Sweden Monday for a four-day visit, the first by a South Korean government head since the two countries established relations in 1959.

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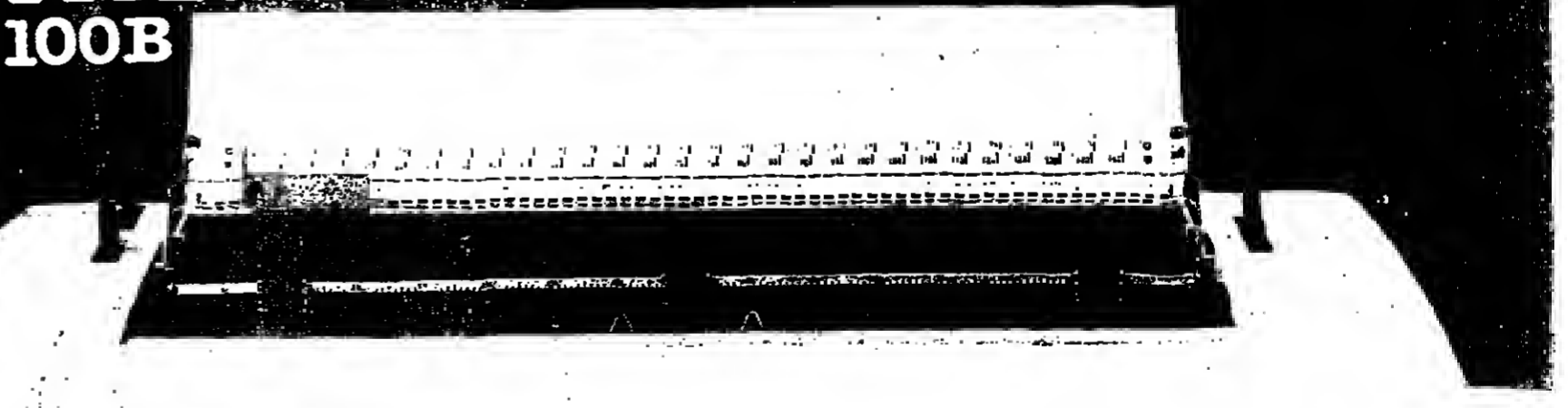
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**Border slams unbeaten century**



Alan Border, a sparkling ton

LONDON, Aug. 28 (AP) — Alan Border, left-handed batsman, hit a superb 106 not out Friday as the Australians were all out for 352 in the final cricket Test match against England at the Oval.

It was a formidable total for England, who had won the toss Thursday and sent Australia in to bat.

The Australians reached 251 for four on the first day. By the lunch interval Friday they had progressed slowly to 318 for seven, and after 45 minutes of play in the afternoon they were all out.

Ian Botham, the hero of England's three wins in the series, finished with six wickets for 125. Bob Willis had four wickets for 91. England has already made sure of winning the series with three victories against Australia's one, and one game drawn.

When Willis bowled Dennis Lillee, he became the highest England wicket-taker against Australia with 110 wickets, overtaking Wilfred Rhodes' long-standing record.

And Botham revealed what a tough, talented cricketer he is by bowling unchanged

from the start of the day to the end of the innings in extreme heat.

Border did not play spectacular cricket Friday, but he held the Australian side together as the other batsmen got out. The left-hander added only 27 runs in the two hours of morning play and was on 79 at lunch.

When the ninth wicket fell Border's score was 80. With Mike Whitney as his last partner, Border farmed the bowling, hitting as best as he could and stealing singles off the last ball of the over to get to other end.

One of these singles took him to his century. He had batted 277 minutes and hit 13 fours.

Botham took three wickets on the first day and three more Friday. He also took a remarkable catch to dismiss wicket-keeper Rodney Marsh, who edged a ball from Bob Willis into the slips. Chris Tavare dropped the ball, but Botham darted forward and held it before it reached the ground.

With Terry Alderman not up to his usual standard and Mark Whitney making no impression, England put the fifty up without loss.



Ian Botham, a rich haul

**Attacking soccer on the cards in English League**

LONDON, Aug. 28 (AP) — One of the most crucial English League soccer season for decades kicks off Saturday with many questions needing to be answered.

The introduction of three points for a win instead of two, the first significant change in the laws for over 60 years, has been adopted in a bid to encourage attacking soccer. There is a fear, however, that clubs will sit on a 1-0 lead to preserve a victory at all costs.

Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson feels the change will have the desired effect. "I feel teams will be even more conscious of the need to win this season," said Atkinson. "Under the new points system an away draw is no longer a particularly good result."

Clubs are under mounting financial pressure as transfer fees continue to spiral ever upwards and financial pressure also increases pressure on players and managers.

Coventry chairman Jimmy Hill has warned: "The lust for success by managers and chairman at a few clubs is going to put players into a pressure cooker which will explode against the interests of the game. The disciplinary record this season will be a disaster."

"If hooliganism, which has forced many

law abiding spectators to abandon watching live soccer, continues to prevail, and no further steps have been taken against the problem, gates could drop again."

English clubs are hoping for a resurgence of interest if the national team reaches the World Cup finals in Spain, but even that is in doubt.

What the English game needs is for more clubs to adopt an attacking attitude. Although Liverpool and Ipswich both scored European triumphs last season Liverpool, in particular, were criticized for having a too defensive attitude.

Atkinson believes the new points system will further boost the entertainment value of domestic matches. You ignore the reater incentive of three points for a win at your peril. I believe we will see more adventurous, more entertaining soccer as a result," he said.

Manchester United is involved in the most interesting fixture on the opening day of the league season, against Coventry. The match gives New Coventry manager Dave Sexton a crack at the club that sacked him after eight successive wins at the end of last season.

Sexton gambles on teenage striker Steve Whitton against United. The Manager said: "I have not seen a player strike the ball har-

der than Steve. He has the makings of a good player and deserves his place."

Manchester United, who will field expensive new signings Frank Stapleton and John Gidman, will, however, be without midfielder Kevin Moran, who has a broken nose.

Manchester City manager John Bond, thwarted in his attempts to strengthen his team during the close season, this week failed to land Trevor Francis from Nottingham Forest.

Bond said: "I am ever so disappointed. This was one deal I was sure I had cracked. I don't know where I will turn to now, there are too few good players available."

West Bromwich, Manchester City's opponents Saturday field their only new signing — Steve MacKenzie from Manchester City.

Defending champions Aston Villa begin the season with a home fixture against newly-promoted Notts County but cannot find a place for 300,000 pound signing Andy Blair. County field 600,000 pound newcomer John Chidozie.

Wolverhampton will include new signings Joe Gallagher (from Birmingham) and Alac Birch (from Chesterfield) against Liverpool. Swansea celebrate promotion to Division One after 61 years of trying with a home

fixture against Leeds United, Swansea's attack will include former Leeds player Alan Curtis, while Leeds parade England winger Peter Barros.

West Ham, the third promoted club, entertain Brighton at Upton Park.

Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough's young new-look line-up face vastly experienced Southampton, while Middlesbrough face Cup holders Tottenham at Ayresome Park.

New Everton manager Howard Kendall's cheque-book team tackle Birmingham, with Stoke away to Arsenal.

Ipswich, solid favorites for the title after finishing second last season, open at Portman Road against Sunderland Manager Bobby Robson expects to field the lineup that won the UEFA Cup last May, but striker Alan Brazil has a late fitness test on a foot injury.

**Dutch soccer squad**

ZEI, Netherlands, Aug. 28 (R) — Six foreign-based players were named Friday in the Dutch squad of 20 for the World Soccer cup qualifying match against Ireland in Rotterdam Sept. 9.

They are Frans Thijssen and Arnold Mühren of England's Ipswich, Ruud Krol (Naples), Johnny Rep (St. Etienne) France, Michael Van de Korput (Torino, Italy) and Simoo Tahamata (Standard Liege, Belgium). Coach Kees Rijvers includes five players from PSV Eindhoven and three from Dutch champions AZ 67 Alkmaar.

Rijvers said two players would be added to the Squad after watching club performances during the weekend.

The Netherlands are trailing fourth in the European qualifying Group Two for the World Cup finals in Spain next year. Belgium lead with nine points from six games, followed by Ireland with seven from six matches.

**W. German girl grabs crown with late burst**

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 28 (AP) — Ute Enzenhauer of West Germany came from back in the pack to win the World Championship of women's road cycling Friday, edging Frenchwoman Jennie Longo and American Connie Carpenter by less than a wheel in a sprint finish. The winning time was one hour, 30 minutes and two seconds flat in official results.

Carpenter and Longo battled for the lead through much of the 53.6-kilometer race against a group that included Henny Top and Leontine Van Der Linden of Holland.

But Enzenhauer surged from the pack on the last portion of the fourth and final lap to take on the leaders in a sprint to the line. The finish appeared to be a virtual dead heat, with Galina Tsareva, who was also in the front line, finishing fourth. "I had hoped for encouragement more team support," said disappointed carpenter. "But they're a little bit inexperienced in international races."

Tsareva's countrywoman from the Soviet Union, Tamara Foliakova was fifth, followed by West Germany's Bete Habetz in sixth, Tatyana Kolesinkova and Nadejda

Dubardina, both of the Soviet Union seventh and eighth with Sweden's Maryan Bengtsson and Alla Loukoutina (USSR) ninth and tenth.

By the halfway mark of the 536 kms race, three quarters of the field were out of the running, but despite a series of bold breaks, Carpenter just could not shake off the rest of her rivals.

In the last quarter, Leontine Van Der Linden of the Netherlands broke clear and lead for 10 kms before the leading group re-joined her. Then it was the turn of Carpenter, tailed by Longo and Alla Loukoutina and shortly after by Van Der Linden to escape, but the America's reputation as a sprint finisher made the other three wary of following her for too long and in the final climb, they were once again re-joined by the following group making a sprint finish inevitable.

The title looked likely to go to either Longo or Carpenter at this point, but just when it seemed the French cyclist had victory in her grasp the completely unexpected happened. The 16-year-old Enzenhauer burst through from behind to finish in front of Longo and lift the title.

**WBC clears Leonard-Hearns bout**

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 28 (R) — The World Boxing Council (WBC) said Thursday that it would recognize the bout between its champion Sugar Ray Leonard and the rival World Boxing Association (WBA) champion Tommy Hearns, slated in Las Vegas, on Sept. 16.

A spokesman said the WBC considered Leonard, who also holds the WBA light-middleweight crown the champion and Hearns the challenger for the bout in Nevada. If the WBA now follow suit, the two Americans will meet in a long-awaited clash to decide the welterweight title.

Earlier, in Las Vegas, Mike Trainer said

that he expected the two world bodies to sanction the bout.

Trainer, Leonard's attorney, said that the two boxers had signed a contract stipulating only that the bout will be over 15 rounds, championship length. The contract contains no mention of either title being at stake, he said.

The WBC and WBA suggested in July that they might withhold sanction of the multimillion title bout, but no decision was taken by either body. Hearns training in seclusion in Michigan, is scheduled to arrive in Las Vegas later this week.

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# Montreal Expos score runaway victory over Reds

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (AP) — Ray Burris led Cincinnati to one hit for eight innings — a one-out single by Ken Griffey in the seventh — and rookie Terry Francona drove in the first three runs of his major league career as the Montreal Expos completed a three-game sweep of the Reds with a 12-0 victory Thursday night.

Burris, 6-5, lost his no-hitter when Griffey blasted a single to left field after one out in the seventh inning. Burris struck out three batters and walked one for his third straight victory of the second season. Jeff Reardon replaced Burris in the ninth.

The Expos scored six runs in the third inning as Warren Cromartie singled home a pair of runs and John Milner crashed a two-run homer against starter Frank Pastore.

Also in the National League, Frank Averas singled home the tying run and Lubie Brooks followed with a game-winning double in the eighth inning to give the New York Mets a 3-2 victory over the Houston Astros in a day game.

In the American League, Willie Aikens hit a two-run homer and knocked in two more runs with a double and a single to lead the Kansas City Royals to an 11-5 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays, their fifth consecutive loss.

Doug Decinces' grand-slam home run and a pair of infield singles by Al Bumbry led the Baltimore Orioles to a 6-2 victory over the California Angels.

Dwight Evans capped a Boston comeback with a two-run homer with two out in the eighth inning, rallying the Red Sox to a 6-5 victory over the Oakland A's. Evans unloaded on a 3-0 pitch by Oakland reliever Tom Underwood, sending a towering drive over the screen in left for his 15th homer. It marked the third time this year Evans has homered on a 3-0 pitch.

A pair of two-run doubles by Jorge Orta highlighted a 12-run Cleveland outburst in the first three innings and the Indians went on to a 12-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners, who suffered their seventh straight defeat.

## In World Series of golf

# Three share top berth

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 28 (AP) — Hale Irwin hit what he called "a marvellous 6-iron hot over and around that big spruce tree" to within six inches of the cup for the 18th hole birdie that finished off a 2-under-par 68 and gave him a share of the three-way tie Thursday in the first round of the "rich World Series of Golf."

Irwin, who scored his second victory of the season last week in the Buick Open, shared the top spot with Bill Rogers and the man Rogers beat at Royal St. George's in England for the British Open title, Bernhard Langer of West Germany.

Ed Fiori and Curtis Strange, tied at 69, were the only other members of the elite, international, 27-man field able to break par 70 on the unforgiving, 7,173-yard (6556 m) Inverness Country Club course.

Canadian Open champ Peter Oosterhuis and Jerry Pate matched par 70. Jack Nicklaus salvaged a 71 after an erratic start and was tied with Johnny Miloska PGA champ Larry Nelson and Australian Greg Norman.

David Graham of Australia, the U.S. Open champ, shot a 72 in the warm, muggy, wind-swept weather while defending titleholder Tom Watson struggled to a 74, 4 over par. "I'm surprised the scoring is not a little bit better,"

Irwin said. "You don't have the wind to contend with, the greens are holding very well and the putting surfaces are very good. With the quality of this field, I'd expect the scoring, overall, to be better." Rogers echoed the sentiments.

"It's really surprising that two under is leading the golf tournament. I don't understand it, really. It was a perfect day to play. And I don't know if I've ever played a golf course in condition this good."

Langer, making his first start in an American event on his 24th birthday, said he was "very nervous when I teed off, playing Nelson, but you must play your own game."

Langer, a pro since he was 15, has won three international titles and gained his spot in this exclusive field from a high position on the European order of merit. But he gained his greatest attention, at least from the United States when he chased Rogers to the British Open title two months ago. "It's obvious that he's a very, very good player," Rogers said.

Langer had a three-putt bogey on the second hole, but twice came within two inches of holing out short-iron shots for eagle-2, then got a share of the lead with a 4-iron shot and a 12-foot birdie putt on the 15th.



Miruts Yifter  
**Yifter, Rono fail to make African team**

ROME, Aug. 28 (AP) — Olympic champion Miruts Yifter of Ethiopia was dropped Friday from the African team for the World Track and Field Cup scheduled in Rome Sept. 4-6.

African officials also left out of the lineup Kenya's Henry Rono. It was a surprising decision as Rono, a world recordman, had showed an improved condition in recent events.

Muhammad Kedirgn, Yifter's teammate who upset the veteran runner in a selection race in Pisa Wednesday night, was summoned to compete in the 10,000-meter race. Another Ethiopian, Tolossa Kotu, will be competing in the 5,000 meters, according to the African list of entries announced Friday.

Yifter, double gold medalist in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters at Moscow Olympics, missed his last opportunity for another laurel in the competition pitting athletes from Europe, the United States, Latin America and Oceania.

Meanwhile Primo Nebiolo, president of the Italian Track and Field Federation and candidate to the top post of the International Federation (IAAF), ruled out the possibility of a World Cup boycott by African countries following the presence of athletes from New Zealand at Rome's Olympic Stadium.

Meanwhile, Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett, the two greatest middle distance runners in history are locked in a bitter battle for the world mile record.

Coe, is now expected to attack the record again at the Bussels meet Friday night and he hopes to render meaningless all controversy over Ovett's Wednesday's mark in Koblenz.

If Coe breaks the record again, he will become the first man ever to break the world record three times. That fact would give him less satisfaction than snatching the record from Ovett.

# American lad ends Clerc's winning run

WHITE PLAINS, New York, Aug. 28 (Agencies) — Jose Luis Clerc's fine run of 25 consecutive wins came to a highly unexpected end here Thursday when he lost 6-7, 2-6 to 16-year-old American Jimmy Brown in the first round of men's Grand Prix Tennis Tournament.

The Argentinian has been seeded fifth for the U.S. Open which starts at Flushing Meadow, New York on Monday.

In another first round match Mel Purcell hit back to defeat fellow American Sammy Giammalva 1-6, 7-5, 6-4 while the second round match between the World's no. 3 player Ivan Lendl and young American Tim Mayotte was held up by rain.

Meanwhile, Virginia Ruzici rolled to a 6-1, 7-5 victory over Virginia Wade in the \$100,000 Volvo Women's Tennis Cup, but the win left Ruzici with a sour taste in her mouth.

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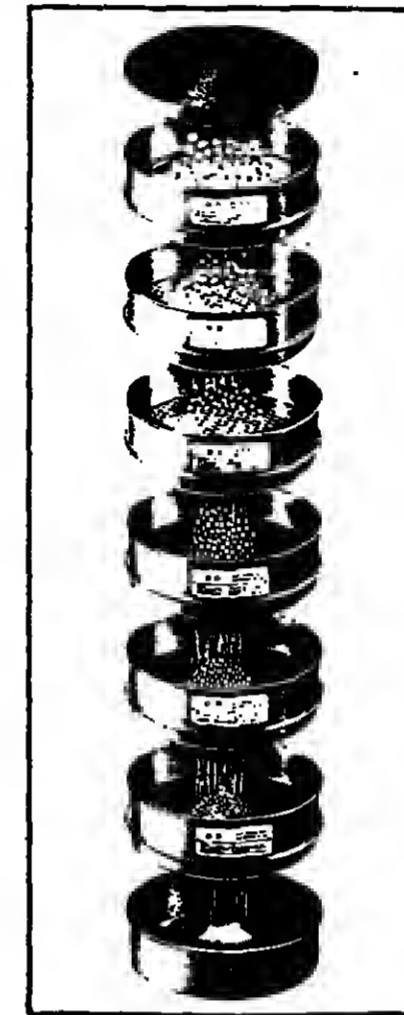
Ruzici, a Romanian, overcame a three-

game deficit and heckling from the stands to win the final four games against her 36-year-old British opponent. But Ruzici later accused the former Wimbledon champion of stalling, inciting the fans against her, and poor sportsmanship.

Four highly seeded players were eliminated Thursday. Also defeated was crowd favorite Kathy Rinaldi, a 14-year-old who turned pro three weeks ago.

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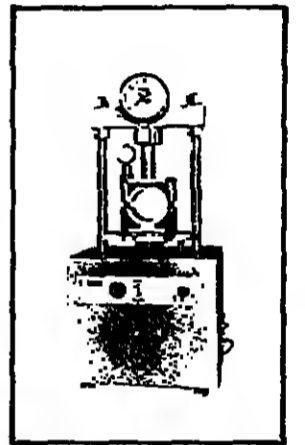
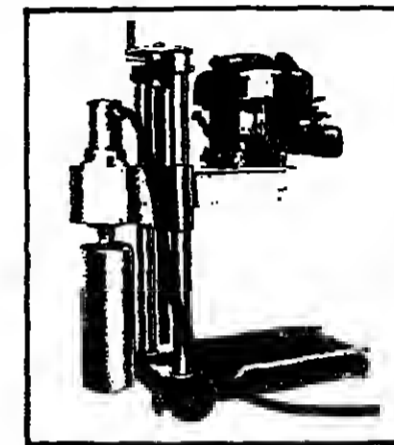
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# U.S. records \$1.46b trade deficit in July

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (R) — The U.S. trade deficit declined last month by more than 8 percent as oil imports fell to their lowest level since the 1973-74 oil embargo, the government has reported.

U.S. imports in July exceeded exports by \$1.46 billion compared with a \$3.12 billion deficit in June, according to the commerce department's monthly report on trade.

Oil imports fell to 5.1 million barrels a day during July, down from 6.5 million barrels in June and the lowest level since the commerce department began keeping records in 1974, department economist David Lund said.

He said the dip in oil imports was a continuation of a trend which has seen imports fall from 6.7 million barrels a day in the first three months of the year to 6.1 million barrels in the next three-month period. Lund attributed the downward trend to a combination of high U.S. inventories, reduced consumption and high prices.

He noted, however, that prices had softened in recent months. The average price of a barrel of imported oil fell to \$35.36 in July

from \$37 the month before. Despite the favorable July figures, the department still expects the trade deficit for all of 1981 to exceed last year's deficit of \$36.4 billion by several billion dollars, he said. Lund said the rise in the value of the dollar, which appreciated about 21 percent between October of last year and mid-August, had tended to reduce U.S. exports and increase imports.

A stronger dollar raises the price of U.S. goods and makes them less attractive to foreign purchasers, while imported goods become more attractive to U.S. consumers because their cost declines. U.S. imports fell 9.9 percent to \$20.7 billion during July, with oil accounting for almost all of the decline.

Exports fell three percent to \$19.3 billion, mainly because of a drop in aircraft sales, the department said.

Among the biggest trade categories, the report said agricultural commodities showed a big surplus of \$1.8 billion for the month, while petroleum and related products had a \$5.3 billion deficit and manufactured goods showed a \$1.2 billion surplus.

## Diamond row hits Australia

SYDNEY, Aug. 28 (AP) — The Australian government has called for a report on marketing plans for Australia's huge diamond discovery as criticism mounted that it was a scam.

Speaking in parliament Thursday, the opposition Labor Party's shadow minister for minerals and energy Paul Keating said because of its size the Australian diamond discovery was threatening other producers such as South Africa, Zaire and the Soviet Union.

"The Oppenheimer group which controls the diamond syndicate companies of De Beers and Anglo-American, is particularly concerned at the emergence of a large low cost producer outside their sphere of influence," Keating said.

The controversy has arisen over the ownership of the diamond mine in the Kimberley area of north-west Australia. The mine, owned by Ashton Joint venture, is expected to increase the world's diamond supply by 50 percent.

Equipment for these systems made by a local firm called S.F.A., which sells solar panels throughout France. It also produces solar heat pumps and is developing other associated units.

At a recent "International solar film festival", French environment ministry officials showed interest in the idea of setting up a solar power training center at Veynes. The big credit Agricole Bank has selected the Alps region for a trial financing system for projects involving the use of the sun's power.

## Pressure to cut oil prices up

BAHRAIN, Aug. 28 (R) — Gulf OPEC oil exporters, other than Saudi Arabia, are under growing pressure to follow Nigeria and cut prices, but each is waiting for someone else to move first, Gulf analysts said Friday.

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## Fruit exports Medfly sours U.S.-Japan ties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AFP) — The medfly (Mediterranean fly), a small but devastating insect, is on the way to taking the place of Japanese cars today in the trade war between Japan and the United States.

California fruits and vegetables growers even fear that the fly — whose larvae devour fruits from the inside — will lead to quarantining of their produce throughout the world.

Japan was the first country to ban all imports of more than 200 kinds of Californian fruits and vegetables. This decision has naturally led to accusations of disguised protectionism against Tokyo.

"It is a classic case on a Japanese non-tariff barrier," an American exporter declared.

The economic stake is large enough or U.S. officials responsible for agriculture would not try to make the Japanese change their minds. Experts from the two countries keep on meeting one and other, but the fact that medflies have been found from north to south of California has not helped matters.

California is the orchard of the United States. It produces each year almost \$500 million worth of fruits out of a total agricultural crop worth \$1,787 million. Local officials said the farmers stood to lose about \$1,500 million this year. U.S. agriculture experts accuse the Japanese of bad intentions in banning imports of Californian produce and in support of which they assert that lemons, for example, cannot act as carriers for the insect because they are too acid. Lemons form a large part of the \$80 million worth of fruits and vegetables which Japan

imports from California.

The Japanese retort that the Americans — very strict when dealing with products from other countries — have not reacted very vigorously to the presence of the fly on their territory.

Meanwhile, Deputy Assistant Agriculture Secretary John Ford said the U.S. has agreed to provide certificates to all private Japanese importers who requested proof that California fruit grown outside the infected areas was free from the pest. He emphasized that the department of agriculture will issue the certificates on a voluntary basis, and that non-California fruit would not be affected.

Ford, speaking to reporters, also said a Japanese team of experts will go to Hawaii in about 10 days to review scientific data on host fruits of the medfly. The team will go on to California to inspect U.S. efforts to eradicate the pest. "The Japanese do not accept some biological data we have provided and are not convinced we are winning the war against the medfly. We feel they are wrong on both points," Ford said.

A central point of dispute is lemons, which the United States contends is not a medfly host fruit, while the Japanese insist this is not clear. "We will continue to press the Japanese to accept our data and take a more reasonable attitude toward our eradication program," Ford said. "We accept Japan's biological evidence on their fruit exports and we expect them to do the same on ours. We are not going to let this issue rest. It sets a precedent for our export program worldwide."

## Solar power brings fame to French town

VEYNES, French Alps, Aug. 28 (AFP) — This small township of 3,400 people perched 800 meters (2,600 feet) up in the French Alps has more than 150 solar installations and seems to be heading for autonomy in the realm of energy.

The council's swimming pool is solar powered, and the equipment is expected to pay for itself in three years. A grower has fitted his nursery with 100 square meter (yards) of panels, to form a system working in conjunction with a boiler fed on sawdust from a local timber mill.

A doctor has an old house whose veranda has been converted into a sort of greenhouse that heats the house via a heat pump with the aid of solar panels.

A so-called "hip-climatic" house half-buried in a hillside is nearing completion. Elsewhere in Veynes, solar panels are providing hot water for a hotel, camping sites and homes.

## Venezuelan oil reserves jump

CARACAS, Aug. 28 (AP) — Venezuela's oil reserves jumped nearly 2.5 billion barrels to around 20.5 billion barrels in the first semester of this year, Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Bertel said Wednesday.

This was Venezuela's largest increase in proven reserves since 1960, Calderon Bertel said at a news conference after a directors meeting of Petroleos de Venezuela, the national oil holding company.

The minister said two of the 2.44 billion barrels of reserves were from the Orinoco heavy oil belt, which has a 'probable' reserve of 70 billion barrels.

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he would not discuss the options, Malone made clear abandoning the talks will be among them. He refused, moreover, to say what his own recommendation might be.

Malone said the United States detected at the Geneva round "some flexibility" among other delegations about making "important changes" in the seabed mining provisions, but he was not specific. The group of 77, which represents more than 100 developing countries at the conference, has insisted that fundamental aspects of the draft treaty should not be renegotiated.

Conference president Tommy T.B. Koh has said the conference has "waited long enough" for the United States and is committed to completing its work next spring in New York. Imran ul-Haque of Pakistan, chairman of the Group of 77, said Thursday it "would be a surprise" if the United States abandoned the talks. He reiterated that major American reservations were "not acceptable" as a basis for further talks.

Malone has cited numerous objections to the proposed seabed mining system that would establish an international authority under U.N. auspices to regulate and participate in taking minerals, notably manganese, cobalt, nickel and copper, from the ocean floor.

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## UNESCO talks open Tuesday

PARIS, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Economic problems special to the world's least developed countries (LDCs) will come under scrutiny here next Tuesday for two weeks when the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) runs its first conference on the subject.

Some 31 nations are classified within UNESCO as LDC. Of these, 21 are African, eight are Asian and the other two are Haiti in the Caribbean and Samoa in Oceania. Their total population is 280 million or roughly 12 percent of the overall Third World figure.

Specially interesting from the geopolitical standpoint are Afghanistan, the two Yemens, Ethiopia, Somalia and Chad.

Some countries in the "Group of 77" Third World Countries have been reluctant over the

## London stock market

LONDON, Aug. 28 (R) — The first day of the new trading account saw share prices move firmer on a broad front in moderate activity, dealers said. At 1500 hours, the forward trading index was up 9.9, at 572.2.

Most of the activity took place during the morning session, with gains led by electricals, Ferranti and OEC added 1 1/2p and 1 1/2p respectively, while others such as Plessey, Rascel and Thorn had gains of up to 8p. Other leading industrials added between 2p and 10p, as in ICI, Unilever and Guest Keen. Golds held steady after gaining up to 250 cents with the firmer bullion price.

Government bonds closed with gains of up to 3/4 point in medium and long maturities. Dealers said trade was slow ahead of the long weekend, and prices were marked up in response to lack of selling pressure at current levels.

British Aerospace and Hawker Siddeley added a further 5p and 10p respectively following the recent large Harrier jet order. Letraset ended 20p higher at 140p following results and news of a possible offer from Swedish company Esselte Ab. Banks added to 5p, while oils were quietly firm.

## Mystery buying zooms tin prices

LONDON, Aug. 28 (R) — A mysterious buying operation which experts believe is being conducted by Asian producers kept tin prices short of record levels on world markets Friday, sellers said.

Tin prices on the London metal exchange (LME) steadied around £8,300 sterling a ton (\$7 a pound), not far short of the all-time high of £8,440 sterling a ton (\$7.16 a pound) reached 17 months ago.

On Thursday prices shot up by 200 sterling a ton (17 cents a pound) on the LME after a brokerage firm with direct links with Malaysia and Indonesia bought a huge consignment of tin estimated at 7,000 tons.

Heavy buying by two brokerage firms has sent the metal's price by over £1,500 (\$1.27 a pound) a ton in six weeks. Dealers say they are unsure whether the buying is backed by government or private interests since the identity of clients is kept strictly confidential. Dealers say the aim of the buying could be to pave the way for a meeting in October of the international tin council, which regulates the tin trade. Producer countries, such as Malaysia, are expected to renew calls at the meeting for a rise in the price range which the tin pact seeks to defend.

## BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AP) — Pan American World Airways Inc. has said it had selected C. Edward Acker, a widely experienced transportation executive and current chairman of Air Florida System Inc., to replace the retiring William Seawell as Pan Am's chairman and chief executive on Sept. 1. The leadership change was viewed by Wall Street analysts as an important move toward stemming the airline's heavy losses.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Amtrak passenger rail system will be cut back 9.5 percent and jobs will have to go. Amtrak President Alan Boyd has announced. Unprofitable services will be abandoned due to reduced federal government subsidies of \$735 million in the year starting Oct. 1 against \$960 million sought by the company.

SEOUL (AFP) — A 14-strong team of South Korean businessmen will travel with Premier Nam Duck-Woo on a 16-day visit to Belgium, Denmark, Finland and Sweden. They will have "a big shopping list" with them, informed sources said.

BONN (AFP) — The cost of living rose by only 0.3 percent in West Germany in August, according to provisional figures released officially here. Last month, the rise was 0.4 percent, and the figures reflect an annual inflation rate of six percent in the 12 months to August compared with 5.8 percent in July.

FRANKFURT (AFP) — In the first seven months of this year Japanese cars took 10.3 percent of the West German new car market against 9.5 percent a year earlier, trade figures have showed. Foreign penetration as a whole is running at some 25 percent. The VDA trade body forecast that total car sales will this year come to about 2,400,000 units, slightly fewer than in 1980.

## Dollar slips as gold recovers

LONDON, Aug. 28 (AP) — The dollar slipped against all major foreign currencies except the British pound in trading Friday.

GOLD prices were sharply higher. Gold traded early in London and Zurich at \$423.50 a troy ounce, \$12.50 up in London from Thursday's close and a dollar rise in Zurich. Gold continued rising in later trading, and London's five main bullion houses set the mid-morning "fixing" at \$423.50 in an active market. Dealers cited no specific factors behind the rise.

"We've just taken it over from New York which closed very strong last night," said one London dealer. "It's nothing new we've done here."

Gold closed in Hong Kong at \$423.25 an ounce, up \$8.92.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar dropped slightly to close at 231.65 yen, compared with 231.40 yen Thursday. But the dollar finished the week 1.70 yen higher than last Friday.

## Gold vanishes en route to U.S.

BELGRADE, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Four packages containing over a million dollars in gold disappeared while being shipped from Belgrade to New York, the Yugoslav newspaper Politika has reported.

On Aug. 17, the gold was loaded on a DC-8 jet leased from Trans American Airways by the Yugoslav airline JAT.

According to flight documents, the cargo was still on board when the plane stopped later that day in Zaozreb, north-west Yugoslavia, the newspaper said, quoting air officials.

The jet also made an unscheduled stop in London, where the American crew was replaced. Politika did not identify the intended recipient of the gold, nor say at what point it was found missing.

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Bangladesh Taka	—	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	84.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	282.00	—	282.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	136.01	136.50	136.25
Dutch Guilder (100)	124.00	124.75	124.00
Egyptian Pound	—	3.80	3.15
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	92.80	93.15
French Franc (100)	98.00	98.75	97.90
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Israeli Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.00	27.91	27.88
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.90	—	14.85
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.10	10.08
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.08	12.08
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	78.00	77.70
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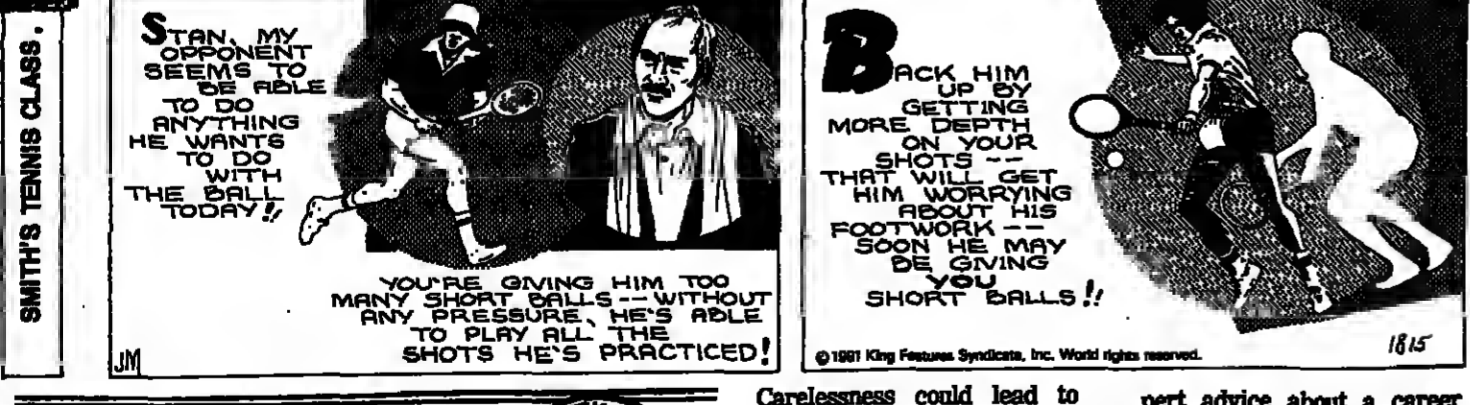
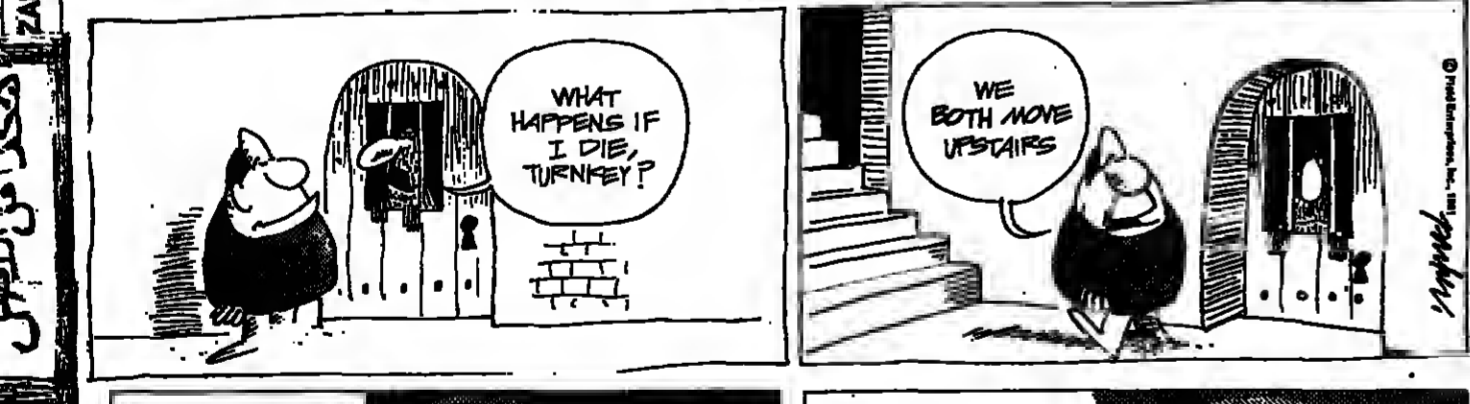
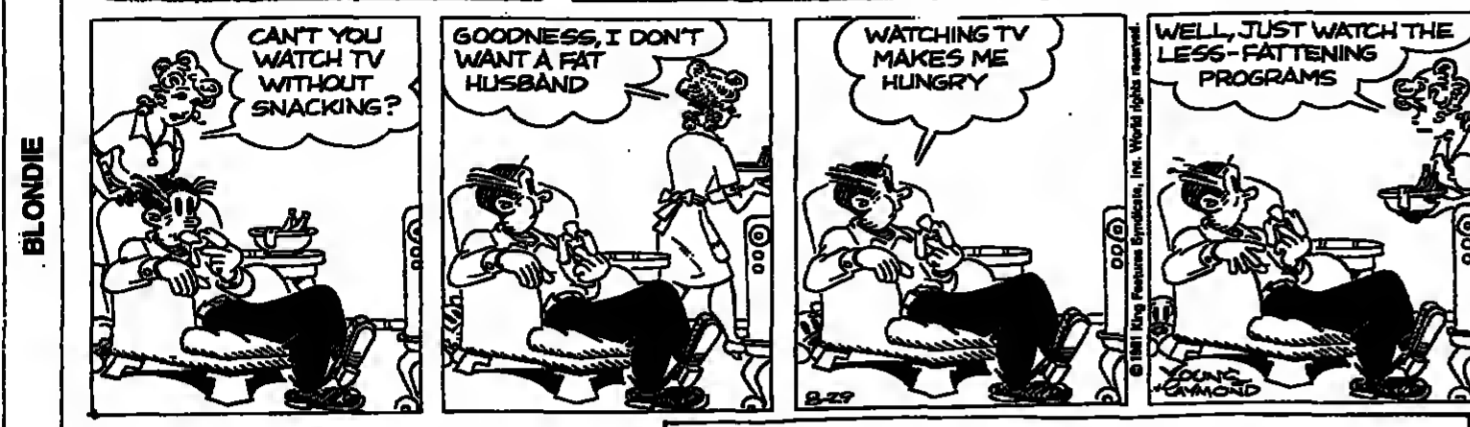
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Table listing TV and radio programs for Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, and Bahrain. Includes times and program titles.

Radio Programs

Table listing radio programs for Saudi Arabia, Radio Francaise, BBC, VOA, and Radio Pakistan. Includes frequencies and program details.

Crossword puzzle by Thomas Joseph. Includes clues for Across and Down.

Cryptogram puzzle. Includes a grid and the key: A = I, B = E, C = O, D = U, E = A, F = S, G = N, H = M, I = R, J = T, K = D, L = G, M = P, N = C, O = V, P = K, Q = F, R = H, S = L, T = N, U = M, V = J, W = I, X = O, Y = A, Z = R.

Contract Bridge advertisement for B. Jay Becker. Text: 'A State of Beleaguement'. Includes bidding information.

Believe It or Not! advertisement for a dolphin. Text: 'SOURWOOD TREE FOUND IN EASTERN U.S. HAS LARGE, SOUR-TASTING LEAVES HAZARD TO CATTLE'. Includes an image of a dolphin.

Your Individual Horoscope by Frances Drake. For Saturday, August 23, 1981. Includes horoscopes for Aries, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, and Taurus.

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Radio Pakistan advertisement. Includes program schedule for Saturday.

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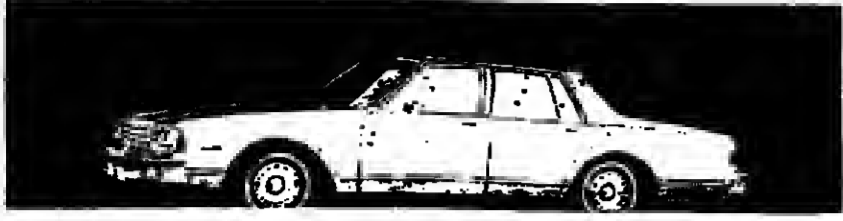
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## Japanese ire feared over defense budget

TOKYO, Aug. 28 (AP) — Acknowledging that his government is under U.S. pressure to boost defense spending, Japan's Finance Minister Michio Watanabe said Friday that substantial military budget increases would draw adverse reaction from the Japanese people.

"We must operate within our circumstances. If there is a substantial increase, this would only result in resentment by our people," Watanabe said.

He told Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan audience that his personal objective was to "educate Japan's taxpayers to the need" for greater defense spending, and at the same time make steady increases in outlays, particularly for modern equipment and firepower.

Repeatedly, he emphasized that Japan is concerned about suggestions by U.S. officials

that Japan is not pulling its weight in joint defense against a Soviet threat in Asia.

Alluding to deep-seated public sentiment against militarism — a legacy of Japan's defeat in World War II — he said "cooperation and understanding" had to be gained from a majority of the people when military matters were involved.

Japan's 1981 defense budget contains a 17.6 percent increase (13.6 percent in real terms) for military hardware, a substantially higher rate than that planned by West European countries, Watanabe said.

The United States, in a number of bilateral meetings, has called on Japan to bolster its defense capability, with emphasis on sea and air power, Watanabe said. Japan has already gone a long way toward realizing these requests.

He noted that the Defense Agency Thursday set its fiscal 1982 budget appropriations request at 2,580 billion yen (about 11.2 billion). In response to the U.S. overtures, the Air Force will get an increase of 13.6 percent over 1981, the Navy 13.6 percent and the Army 2.4 percent.

Watanabe said that although the proposed expenditures represent a 7.5 percent increase over the year before — down from the 1981 budget hike of 7.6 percent — the figures represent "a target rather than a reality."

He said the 1981 budget does not include increase in basic salaries for defense personnel. If included it would boost the total beyond the nominal 7.6 increase which the United States found insufficient, calling for something closer to nine percent.

Noting that the overall 1981 budget was an increase of only 4.3 percent, he said the 7.6 percent boost in defense spending actually represented a relatively large one, and significant since the government aimed at zero growth in expenditures for 1982.

The zero growth budget could be effected without weakening the yen or Japan's competitive trade position, he said, barring a sharp rise in oil prices. The drastic paring of government spending is being carried out, he said, because "Japan's fiscal situation is the worst in the world." He blamed this on expansion of services over the years without raising taxes to pay for them.

## Bonn saves on NATO exercises

BONN, Aug. 28 (AFP) — West Germany will reduce its level of participation in upcoming North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) maneuvers in order to help reduce a 200 million-mark (\$80 million) deficit in its army budget, a Defense Ministry spokesman said Friday.

The maneuvers, called Autumn Forge, are set to begin on Sept. 14. The cut in West German participation would save the Bundeswehr, or West German Army, about 10 million marks, the spokesman said.

The Defense Ministry plans to cut 20 million marks off planned end-of-year Bundeswehr expenditures of 180 million marks, he added.

Defense officials want to eliminate seven brigades from the exercises, and will slash the size of the Sharle Klinge (sharp blade) operation, which was to use 50,000 men from the Bundeswehr's 2nd Army between Sept. 14 and 18, the spokesman said.

## Tourists to Romania cautioned

BONN, Aug. 28 (AP) — The West German Health Ministry Friday warned tourists bound for Romania's Black Sea coast to exercise caution following an outbreak of diarrhea and other intestinal disorders there.

A ministry spokesman told reporters that some 1,400 persons, many of them foreign tourists, had been stricken with intestinal diseases along the Romanian coast last month. "The Romanian authorities have begun hygiene measures and the Black Sea coast is once again open for tourist traffic," the spokesman added.

He advised persons traveling to the area to avoid salads, cold drinks and shellfish and to

report to a doctor at first sign of symptoms.

Thousands of West Germans and other Europeans flock to Romania's coast each summer for holidays. Tourists are a major source of hard currency for the beleaguered Romanian economy.

## Bonn protests eviction of S. African squatters

BONN, Aug. 28 (AP) — The West German government Friday expressed its concern over actions by South African police in breaking up an illegal settlement of squatters near Cape town.

A Foreign Office spokesman told reporters the government condemned the policy of apartheid, or racial separation, which had led to "mass arrests, separation of families and the departure of hundreds of people to economically depressed homelands."

The spokesman called on South African government to find a "humane solution" to the squatter problem.

## Planned snapshots sacrificed Voyager camera repair takes days

PASADENA, California, Aug. 28 (AP) — As scientists revealed Friday in the dazzling complexity of Saturn's shining sheets of rings, storming clouds and battered moons, flight engineers said they'll need several days to heal their wounded spaceship.

"We're looking at days, at least," said project manager Esker Davis of his team's efforts to repair — from a billion miles away — the crucial camera-aiming platform. It somehow was knocked out of service as Voyager 2 sailed behind Saturn Tuesday night after taking humanity's best-ever look at the distant world.

But the news, Davis said is still "a little upbeat and positive," since the troublesome platform no longer is jammed. However, he said, its jerky and unreliable movements mean "We are not yet at the place where we can say we are fixing the problem...There's a lot of work to do yet."

Voyager was leaving the planet far behind as it raced still deeper into the solar system on a journey of 1.7 billion miles (2.7 billion km) to Uranus. Chief scientist Ed Stone said repairs were being done with special care since "we do not want to take any risks

that could in any way keep us from operating the scan platform at Uranus" in 1986. The malfunction could mean the sacrifice of planned snapshots Sept. 4 of Phoebe, most distant of Saturn's 17 known moons.

Engineers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here were trying Friday to unlumber the platform with high-torque maneuvers that slowly swivel it short distances back and forth through the "sticky point". Davis said that's about like putting a car in low gear and rocking it forward and back to get unstuck from a mud-hole.

Though the cameras and three other instruments are seeing none of their post-Saturn targets, scientists already have proclaimed the mission a resounding triumph.

Stone said "he repeatedly has been asked how successful the tour had been and "now I have a number for you. That number is 200 percent."

A complex experiment to monitor a star as it passed behind the rings, blinking off each time its light hit one of the thousands upon thousands of ringlets, produced "a superb collection of ring data," said Arthur Lane, who headed the investigation.

In one early finding, one of Saturn's three major rings, so spectacularly brilliant they were seen by Galileo through a primitive telescope nearly 400 years ago, was determined to be less than 150-meter thick.

Most marveled at the sights, scientist Fred Scarf said, "we also get to hear (the sounds of Saturn), something that would be completely inaccessible if we hadn't been there." At about the time the trouble with the camera platform began, a tape recording was picked up by the ship's whip antennas as Voyager drove through a sparse outer ring.

The grating static sounds — like standing under a freedom overpass with traffic rumbling overhead — changed dramatically in intensity near the ring crossing, and Scarf said, "the most likely explanation is...impacts." He said tiny bits of dust may have been bombarding the ship and hitting the antenna.

Photography team leader Brad Smith showed first-ever pictures of seven tiny moons — little more than misshapen and "badly battered" boulders of ice or rock from 10 to 200 miles (16-321-km) across.

## Move to refuse tax payment Poles suspend strike

WARSAW, Aug. 28 (Agencies) — A threatened one-hour warning strike throughout the region of Radom, 120 kms south of here, was suspended Friday morning following the resumption of talks between a government delegation and union representatives, a union source in Radom said.

The source said however that a strike alert was still in force, and workers were wearing Solidarity armbands in the national colors, red and white. The talks — which began at 8:00 a.m. — were taking place at the Radom headquarters of the Association of Engineers and Salaried Staff.

Unionists are demanding the rehabilitation of workers dismissed after the June 1976 revolt, and the use for medical and social purposes of a large complex being built for the police. They also want an end to the inquiry by judicial authorities into a document published by unionists to mark the fifth anniversary of the 1976 events in Radom.

The Radom talks had been adjourned on May 13, and observers noted replacement of the government head of delegation, Zygmunt Rybicki, the target of objections by the unionists, with former deputy chairman Tadeusz Kullikowski, in Friday's talks. Along with the warning strike a proposed unlimited strike by the 12,000 workers of the Walter Appliances and Typewriter Factory in Radom was also postponed.

Positions also seemed to have softened in the war over control of the mass media. Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said Friday that the authorities were prepared to start discussions Saturday on the radio and television coverage of Solidarity's first national congress, to be held in two stages from Sept. 5 to 7, and Sept. 26 to Oct. 3.

However, 600 press workers in the northern town of Olsztyn Friday continued to ignore appeals from Solidarity to end their unlimited strike over a demand that the state television service withdraw a report that some printers had been forced by their colleagues not to produce the local party daily, the *Gazeta Olsztyńska*.

Observers also noted that Solidarity's appeal was coupled with the announcement

of a new week of protest among printers throughout Poland as part of the union's struggle for access to the mass media. The union and Polish Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania have recently traded charges, with Solidarity accusing Kania of wanting to put the clock back and the party chief saying the union was seeking to take over power.

Meanwhile, the Polish independent rural trade union, Rural Solidarity, has urged its two million members not to pay state taxes, according to a resolution approved by the union's presidium.

Union leaders said the move was aimed at protesting government's refusal to ratify an agreement concluded on Aug. 17 with the Agricultural Ministry, according to a document issued to the press Friday.

A hospital administrator was the target of a bomb attack that destroyed his car, the PAP news agency reported Friday. The attack took place Tuesday in the town of Nplmo near Bydgoszcz. A bomb placed in the rear of the man's car exploded when he turned on the ignition, the report said.

In the meantime, some 100 Soviet naval units that have gathered in the Baltic Sea since the end of July resumed maneuvers in the Gdansk Bay off the coast of Poland, a spokesman for the West German Naval High Command in Glucksburg said Friday.

## America warned on Taipei arms

HONG KONG, Aug. 28 (AFP) — Sino-American relations "could well retrogress" if the controversial issue of U.S. arms sales to the republic of China is not resolved to Peking's satisfaction, U.S. Sen. John Glenn (Dem.-Ohio) said here Friday, before departing for Taipei.

Addressing an airport press conference Sen. Glenn, the first U.S. astronaut to be rocketed into space in 1962, said Chinese leaders had issued the warning during his recent 11-day tour of China. Sen. Glenn, a ranking member of the U.S. Senate Asian and Pacific Subcommittee, stressed that government leaders he met in Peking did not indicate how American ties could "retrogress."

When the Sino-American normalization accord was signed in January 1979, the Chinese side had expected the "U.S. arms sales relationship to decrease over a period of time" and eventually end, he noted. Glenn, who arrived here from China Wednesday, added that Peking saw no linkage between U.S. arms sales to Taipei and possible American supply of dual-use (civilian and military) technology to China.

## John Hinckley pleads innocent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AP) — John W. Hinckley Jr. pleaded innocent Friday to charges of shooting President Ronald Reagan and three others and was pronounced competent to stand trial.

In a firm voice, Hinckley responded "not guilty" after the 13-count indictment was read to him as he stood, sometimes straight, sometimes crossing one leg over the other, before U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker.

Five of the 13 charges in connection with the March 30 shooting carry a maximum sentence of life in prison.

## Spain deaths not due to pneumonia, expert says

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 28 (AFP) — A European health official has rejected pneumonia as the disease that killed 102 persons in the adulterated cooking oil scandal in Spain, and confirmed that the illness can only be contracted after consuming the oil, Agence France Presse has learned. The disease struck 12,000 other persons.

Dr. Roy Goulding, president of the European Association of Poison Centers in Brussels who also heads the London Toxicology Center, published the conclusions in a report to the European Center of the World Health Organization here this week.

The study, which is to be handed over to the Spanish government, is still confidential. But a WHO spokesman outlined the major points for AFP. In the 11-page document, Goulding said the illness, which has become known as atypical pneumonia, was definitely not a lung virus.

Since it first broke out three months ago, the poisoning epidemic, which authorities said was the worst in Spain's history, has confounded health officials who have battled furiously to find a medical remedy. In his report, Goulding praised them for what he called the quick response to try to control the illness, which has struck primarily people from 20 to 40 years old.

According to the last official toll 102 persons have died from the poisoning. Some 957 persons still remain hospitalized. When the disease reached its height in June, 200 to 230 cases were reported each day.

International contacts were made to try to find a cure for the illness, which passed through several stages including severe muscular pain, particularly in the hands.

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